



Politician killed

COLOMBO, (Kuma): Tamil Tiger rebels shot dead a popular Muslim local politician, Ahmed Lebbe, 52, in eastern Sri Lanka, plunging the multi-racial area into ethnic tension yesterday, security officials said.

Avalanche kills 19

ANKARA, (UPI): At least 19 people including a baby and 500 heads of livestock died in their sleep when an avalanche described as the size of a six-floor building buried eight houses in south-eastern Turkey, officials said yesterday.

Tour postponed

THE HAGUE, (Reuters): A bicyclic tour in Israel by prominent Dutch politicians has been postponed indefinitely because of Arab-Israeli violence in the occupied territories, the tour's organiser said.

Search goes on

LONDON, (Reuters): Security forces in Gibraltar are searching for a possible car bomb after three Irish guerrillas were shot dead by soldiers in the British rock colony on Sunday, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said. (See Page 2)

Minehunting fleets

ABU DHABI, (Reuters): The Netherlands and Belgium may reduce their minehunting fleets in the Gulf within two months, Dutch Defence Minister Wim van Eekelen said.

10-year-old boy beheaded

TALIJA, Spain, March 7, (Reuters): A man beheaded a 10-year-old boy after a bar argument and threw the head into a blazing fireplace, police sources in the southern Spanish town of Talija said.

They said Manuel Martin Vasquez, 24, held a knife to the boy's throat after an argument with his uncle and ordered everyone out of the bar. He then locked the door, severed the boy's head and threw it into the fire.

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Israelis storm vehicle: six killed, eight wounded

Palestinians hijack bus on way to N-reactor

AROER, Israel, March 7, (Agencies): Three Palestinian commandos hijacked a bus taking workers to Israel's top secret nuclear reactor today and killed a hostage before police and soldiers stormed the bus and shot them dead.

Two more Israelis were killed and eight were wounded during the storming of the bus.

The commandos threw hand grenades and fired a Kalashnikov assault rifle to seize the bus taking workers from Beersheba to the nuclear plant near Dimona, in the Negev desert, where foreign press reports say Israel makes atom bombs.

The driver and most passengers escaped. The commandos took the remaining passengers hostage and demanded the release of all Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails. Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of southern command, told reporters.

Negotiations

Troops surrounded the bus. After an hour of negotiations, the gunmen shot dead a hostage and wounded two others.

Mordechai immediately ordered a border police anti-terrorist unit to storm the bus. In a two-minute battle, the three commandos were killed and the other passengers rescued, the Army said.

"They shot dead one of the hostages in cold blood and wounded two women. There was no choice," Mordechai said.

Army radio identified the dead Israelis as Victor Ran, 39, an engineer and a widower with three children, Miriam Ben Yair, 46, a mother of four, and Rina Shilonsky, a 31-year-old mother of two.

Gunpoint

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Parliament that two Israeli women were killed as the soldiers stormed the bus.

"Their purpose was apparently to take the bus to a populated area," he said.

Eight other women passengers were injured, none severely, and

treated at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital.

The gunmen, who apparently entered Israel from Egypt earlier commanded an Army car, forcing out four unarmed soldiers at gunpoint, and drove through a police roadblock with guns blazing before stopping the bus, police spokesman Michael Idan said.

Survivors said the commandos told them they were members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, the mainstream movement in the PLO.

Daisy Sorek, one of the passengers unable to leave the bus said the gunmen threatened to kill a passenger every quarter of an hour.

"The rescue action was swift. The soldiers instructed us to duck. To my regret, two more women died, one in front of me, one behind," she told reporters.

An anonymous caller later claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of Fatah's Force 17 in a telephone call to an international news agency in Jersusalem.

It was the most serious attack inside Israel since a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip began on Dec 9.

Penetrated

Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said in a radio interview that the three commandos penetrated from Egypt in the Sinai desert.

"I believe the Egyptians are not happy about these infiltrations from their frontier and they are taking action — nevertheless, the fact is the last infiltration was one month ago and here we have another infiltration," he said.

Rabin who flew to the scene of the hijacking by helicopter and witnessed the storming, said the attack was aimed at sabotaging US Secretary of State George Shultz's peace initiative for the Middle East.

"Its purpose: war with Israel, hostage-taking. Its victims: women, innocent civilians. Not throwing stones, not throwing petrol bombs, not violent demonstrations but peaceful civilians," he said.

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He said Jordan was studying the American scheme presented to Arafat and Israeli leaders last week. "Naturally our reply will correspond with the United Arab States," he added.

The grenade attack in the village of Idna was another indication of the increased use of lethal weapons against soldiers. During three months of anti-Israel unrest that have left 87 Arabs dead, protesters have largely limited themselves to throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at soldiers.

Shots were fired yesterday at an Army patrol in the Askar refugee camp near Nablus, 40 miles (64 km) north of Jerusalem. On Feb 23, shots also were fired at a patrol, and in recent days homemade explosives have been detonated near patrols. No soldiers have been seriously injured.

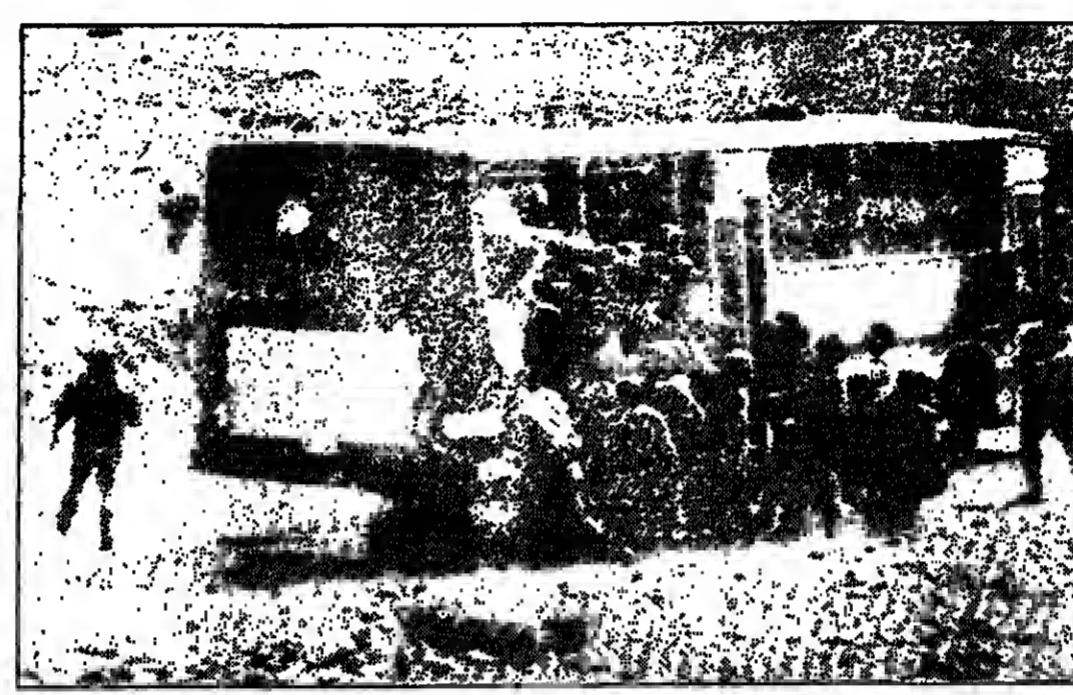
The grenade attack in Idna, 20 miles (32 km) southwest of Jerusalem, came at dawn after the Army imposed a curfew to make arrests. In recent weeks, villagers have set ablaze a bus and an Army tank transporter, the Army said.

More than 300 Palestinian women staged a two-hour sit-in at the Damascus offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) today to protest at Israeli actions.

In Limassol, Cyprus, officials said today that repair workers have plugged a hole torn in a ferry which was to have taken deported Palestinians on a symbolic voyage to Israel.

But it remained unclear if the 6,151-ton Sol Phryne would still go into service as the "Ship of Return" after the February 15 explosion.

Also, troops shot and wounded



Israeli soldiers remove a hostage from the hijacked bus after killing three commandos. (Reuters Wirephoto)

Shultz may return to Middle East

Jordan invites Arafat for talks

AMMAN, March 7, (Reuters): Jordanian Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh said today Amman sees positive elements in the Middle East peace plan proposed by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

A political source said King Hussein, seeking an Arab consensus on the Shultz plan, had invited Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat to Amman to discuss it.

In Damascus, a high-level Syrian source said Shultz will return to the region if Syria accepts the US peace plan.

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The political source said Arafat had been invited for what would be his first visit to Jordan since November's Arab League summit.

The source said Jordanian leaders wanted to encourage the initiative but could not endorse everything in the package.

They believed that an international conference held under United Nations auspices should have power to arbitrate when disagreements arose.

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According to a purported text of the US plan published in an Israeli newspaper, Shultz has called for a UN-sponsored con-

ference next month, specifying that it would not be able to "impose solutions or veto agreements reached."

Washington proposes that direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours should start immediately after the conference.

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Police receiving a message from Farraj, who looks at securitymen (inset) from the roof of his house. (Picture by Javed Basra)

End of hostage drama

Kuwaiti surrenders peacefully

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A KUWAITI, who held 15 members of his family hostage at gunpoint at his home in Firdous area, surrendered peacefully yesterday after 72 hours of tension in this suburb.

Farraj, an employee at the Ministry of Communications in Shuwaikh, arrived at work on Saturday morning after firing shots at colleagues in his office.

Farraj waved a white flag of surrender from the roof of his house at 4.30 yesterday, walked to the head of the department,

Iraq intensifies attack on Iran

Casualties mount in missile strikes

BAGHDAD, March 7, (Agencies): Iraq began a second week of missile strikes on Tehran today and said several civilians were killed by an Iranian rocket attack on Baghdad.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraq fired three missiles at the Iranian capital bringing the total in eight days to 41.

He said the Iranian rocket landed in Baghdad, killing or wounding a number of civilians and destroying property, about half an hour after the last Iraqi missile was launched.

The Iraqi missiles were fired to avenge the innocent people killed by Iranian attacks on Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, the spokesman said.

Iran, vowing to match Iraq blow for blow in the "war of the cities," has fired 16 missiles at Baghdad and four at the southern port city of Basra since last Monday.

Iraq has given no specific casualty figures but Iran says at least 230 of its people have been killed and 800 wounded in the latest round of tit-for-tat attacks on population centres.

Iraqi Labour Minister Bakr Mahmod Rassoul told a conference of Arab labour ministers in Baghdad that Iran was to blame for the attacks.

He said Tehran wanted to "pave the way for its new offensive ... and to undermine UN Security Council resolution 598."

Iraq began massing troops along the southern front late last year for an expected offensive against Basra, but no major operation has yet been launched.

Resolution 598, passed in July, orders a ceasefire in the 7-1/2-year Iran-Iraq war and the withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised boundaries.

Raids

Iraq, which has accepted the resolution, says its attacks on Tehran are intended to force Iran to accept it too. Iran insists that Baghdad must first be identified as the aggressor.

Iraq said Iraq sparked the present round of raids by bombing a civilian area of Tehran on Feb 27. Baghdad said the bombing was aimed at an oil refinery.

The Iraqi military spokesman said Iraq was maintaining a heavy artillery bombardment of Basra and other border towns.

A number of civilians were killed or wounded and many houses, shops and cars were destroyed when Iranian rockets and long-range artillery shells landed in the city overnight and during the day, he said.

He also said 14 Iranian boats attacked Iraq's disputed oil terminal in the northern Gulf today, but were repulsed by Iraqi defenders who sank four of the vessels.

Iraq said it shot down two Iranian jets yesterday and captured

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BAYARD



Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad opening the meeting.

Science club moves to new premises

KUWAIT Science Club moved to their new premises yesterday with a ceremony honouring the Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

The Communications Minister and chairman of the club Abdullah Al Sharhan, speaking at the ceremony, expressed his appreciation for the support given by HH the Amir and HH

the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the club.

Al Houti expressed his appreciation to club officials for their efforts in the interest of the country and their help with the development of the talents of children.

Al Sharhan presented Al Houti and other club officials with commemorative plaques.



Kuwait's Communication Minister and chairman of Kuwait Science Club presents Al Houti (right) with a commemorative plaque as the club celebrates the move to its new premises.

Advertising agency wins highest billing

MADCO Bahrain, a member of the Madco Group Advertising/Marketing, has been recognised for the second year in a row as the advertising agency with the highest billing on Bahrain TV in 1987.

Mr Burhan S. Beidas, the managing partner of the Madco Group, congratulated the man-

agement and staff of Madco Bahrain on their achievement.

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Isbo meeting opens

Confront Zionist propaganda, urges information minister

THE 8th general assembly for the Islamic Broadcasting Organisation (Isbo) opened its three-day meetings yesterday under the auspices of Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, in the attendance of Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, members of the participating delegations and other ranking officials.

Sheikh Jaber, who was delegated by HH the Amir to patronise the meetings, welcomed the participants, expressing Kuwait's happiness to host this gathering.

Repression

Addressing the conference, the information minister expressed his country's readiness to continue its efforts towards restoring occupied Palestine and ending the Iraq-Iran war.

In the field of information, Sheikh Jaber recalled two sections of the resolutions passed by the fifth Islamic summit held early last year in Kuwait, namely implementing the information

plan to confront anti-Islamic Zionist and foreign propaganda and set up an information strategy which displays the various aspects of life in the Islamic world.

In another address, chairman of Isbo's executive council Fouad Al Farsi expressed his thanks to the state of Kuwait for hosting and patronising these meetings. He also thanked the information minister and other ministry officials for the efforts they exerted to bring these meetings to a success.

Al Farsi noted that the information has become the trait of this era, "through which we can spread the word of Allah (God), back the Islamic call and confront atheist propaganda against our Islamic values and belief."

He called on member states to contribute with all its information potentials to support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories which faces the most vicious kinds of repression at the hands of the Israeli government.

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ments and produced hundreds of television and radio programmes, noting that Isbo is still eager to take bigger strides despite the financial hardships it undergoes.

He proposed that the final communiqué of these meetings includes sending a cable of thanks to H.H. the Amir of Kuwait, a salute to the Palestinian people for its sacrifices and finally directing a call to the Islamic world to work for a security halt to the Iraq-Iran war through the implementation of security Council resolution 598.

Ideal

Ahmed Farraj, Isbo's secretary general affirmed that the mass media has become an ideal means in boosting Islamic solidarity and defending Islamic causes, indicating that time is ripe to set up a new Islamic information system within the framework of the awaited first conference for Islamic foreign ministers.

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ments and produced hundreds of television and radio programmes, noting that Isbo is still eager to take bigger strides despite the financial hardships it undergoes.

Meanwhile the executive council of the Isbo endorsed a programme for teaching the Arabic language for non-Arabs.

Ahmed Farraj said upon the conclusion of the final meeting for the council yesterday it decided that member states which co-finance the programme comprising 135 television episodes, receive free copies of the programme.

Farraj added, in a statement to Kuna that countries not able to purchase the programme which will be in French and English, will be given copies of it.

He indicated that the council, which meets on an annual basis, reviewed the fiscal report and urged members to pay their overdue obligations for the organisation, noting that a special committee comprising Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the secretary general will be formed to visit Isbo members for this purpose.

Concern over children wasting their time

IN spite of the economic slump in Kuwait which began in 1982, the import of toys has not decreased. And there has been some concern expressed that children in Kuwait spent a disproportionate amount of time playing with toys rather than reading.

The director of Public Relations at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Salwa Al Kuhaim said the council had played a significant role in attempting to balance the time children spent with books and toys.

She said the council used to organise an annual book and toy fair with books displayed for a wide range of ages and interests. She encouraged parents to

select the books and toys for their children carefully. However, one toy dealer, Mahmoud Ghunaim, expressed the opinion that parents should allow their children the freedom to choose their own toys. He added that children in Kuwait prefer toys they can watch and be amused, while children in developed countries prefer toys they can manipulate by hand. Most boys want remote control cars, he said, and girls want dolls. He said there was relative little demand for educational toys.

He complained that there were no controls on imported toys and an absence of specified standards.

Sales

There are about 200 toy shops in Kuwait, which reportedly enjoy very good sales during Eid and on other special occasions.

Toys on the market are imported primarily from Taiwan, and range in price from KD4 to KD50.

Fiction, non-fiction and reference books are readily available in Kuwait, with 70 per cent of the books imported from the United Kingdom and 20 per cent from Japan.

Kuwait to host engineering conference

ABDUL AZIZ AL RASHEED, the secretary-general of the 18th Arab Engineering Conference, said the conference is scheduled to be held in Kuwait in February, 1989, with a total of 1,200 engineers expected.

He said the conference, organised by the society in cooperation with the Arab Engineers Federation, would discuss the development of the present level of engineering skills in the Arab world, financial support in their development, the expansion of expertise and means of attaining self-sufficiency.

He added that the conference, entitled "Arab Engineering Capabilities Development toward Self-sufficiency," would identify challenges facing the development of Arab engineering and its current status.

Fire at Fahaheel industrial area

TWO shops in the Fahaheel Industrial Area caught fire yesterday with extensive damage to the shops reported. Two cars, parked beside the shops, were also damaged by the fire before it was brought under control by the Fahaheel Fire Department.

Road safety society discusses role of TV

YASEEN recommended that a joint committee with representatives from information and traffic fields be formed to select the best material and programmes for use in a nation-wide traffic awareness campaign.

The society's Chairman Sabah Al Rayes said the government spends a total of KD16 million annually for damage caused by traffic accidents and stressed the role the audio-visual media played in addressing this problem.

Agriculture and food exhibition

SHEIKH Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, the chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, said the 6th Agricultural and Foods Exhibition will be opened at the Mishref Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 12.

The exhibition will be open until March 18 from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 pm.

Rashed Al Othman resigns

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohamed Al Rifai accepted the resignation of Rashed Al Othman, the Director General of Kuwait Municipality and Chairman of the Society Security Fund effective June 30, 1988.

A ministerial decision was issued on Sunday, stating that the outgoing director general would be given a three-month vacation beginning March 15.

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We are alive and kicking: Herter

AUB seeks Gulf assistance

By Jadranka Porter

THE American University of Beirut, which has lived and operated for 12 years amidst the destruction unleashed by the civil war in Lebanon has emerged with a renewed determination to succeed in a situation where survival itself is a major success. This determination and resilience were much in evidence during a visit to Kuwait by a delegation from the university aimed at boosting the AUB's regional importance.

"We are here to let people know that we are well, alive and kicking" said Frederic Herter, the AUB president based in New York. He was accompanied by Dr Ibrahim Salti the AUB deputy president with the office in Beirut. The delegation is on a Gulf tour which also took them to Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE. In Kuwait the delegation, which met with the acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and several ministers, is exploring whether some tangible connections can be established between the Kuwait University, the government and the AUB.

Mixture

The AUB has extensive joint programmes with institutes in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The story of the AUB is a peculiar mixture of suffering and triumph. "The fact that it is alive is nothing short of a miracle" said Herter referring to perils of the civil war, Israeli invasion as well as the collapse of the Lebanese economy. The AUB staff has fought a heroic struggle to survive and to offer high standard services to the population of Beirut.

There are some deep wounds. Although the university has physically been untouched by fighting it had its share of kidnappings. Two of its staff, both Americans are still in captivity.



Frederic Herter



Ibrahim Salti

The US embargo on travel to Lebanon meant that the American faculty left Beirut and the university has difficulties recruiting on the international market despite the fact that there are lecturers anxious to join the AUB. The Western governments take a dim view of letting their citizens travel to Lebanon, said Herter. The AUB has currently a faculty of 400 and the standard of teaching is not as it used to be, Herter says.

Collapse

The major problem now facing the university is the collapse of the Lebanese economy rather than a lack of security. "Syria has provided effective protection in West Beirut. Last year there was a total absence of the breach of security in West Beirut," he said pointing out that economic hardships are the prime reason why the university has been losing senior faculty members. The university has been trying to meet the inflation rate but is still running behind its target.

On the other hand there are signs that the university is flourishing.

"It is the best and cheapest university we have," said Herter. He said that the university has support among all the factions in Beirut and the campus has been saved from any attacks.

Hospital

Eight thousand students applied for admission for the current academic year while there were only 800 positions. The AUB currently has 5,500 students, 90 percent of whom are Lebanese, a far cry from the situation in the 1970s when fifty per cent of students were foreigners.

Dr Ibrahim Salti said the university is committed to running the 400-bed hospital which gives excellent medical care. The hospital has treated 70,000 war casualties and has offered treatment to all irrespective of whether they can pay or not, said Salti.

The AUB has important joint programmes with the Gulf states. It has engineered the merger of Bahrain's Gulf Polytechnic and the University College of Bahrain which are now known as the University of Bahrain. The AUB experts are revising the operation of the health science school in the UAE and are assisting in the new medical school which is in the making. In Saudi Arabia the AUB is assisting with the colleges of agriculture and health sciences.

The AUB believes that the Gulf states can be of assistance by attracting the expatriate faculty, which the AUB can "borrow" from time to time. "Kuwait and the other Gulf states can get the prime use of these experts and we can have them on a block basis" said Herter.

Terrorism

The AUB is in dire need of funds and a decision has been made to raise the tuition fees to beef up the university finances. Student's tuition fees amount only to four percent of the cost of education while in other institutions they cover 50 percent.

The AUB's troubles are not over. There is no way you can

completely guard against terrorism, says Herter. The fighting is still going on and the economy is in shambles. But Herter is looking at the institute's history in search for the clues to its survival. The 122-year-old university has experienced turbulent times before its latest crisis.

What helped it before and is helping it now is that it remained a "fearlessly independent" institution, said Herter.

Symbol

The AUB does not represent the US government, it does not represent the Lebanese government. It is non-political, non-sectarian and of all religious faiths. We are resisting factional divisions. The university stands as a symbol of unity," said Herter.

Looking into the future Herter can discern some hopeful developments. "People of Lebanon are desperately tired and they want a change. There is a sense of optimism that the restoration of the government authority and unity is in the offing" he said.

If it does happen the AUB and its staff will be heavily rewarded for holding out at the times when the threat to survival was so near.

Special centres for medical examinations

SPECIAL Health Centres have been designated for first-time applicants of residence permits for medical examinations required under new Kuwaiti residence law regulations.

Applicants from the Capital, Hawalli and Jahra governorates are required to go to the Ports and Borders Health Section and those from the Ahmadi Governorate are required to go to the Fahad Health Centre.

The Director of Kuwait's Public Health Department Dr Rashed Al Uwaish said applicants should bring two photos, their passport, a government stamp for KD10 and all work papers to be submitted to the immigration department when coming for their medical examination.

A certificate, showing that the applicant is free of AIDS, leprosy, malaria, tuberculosis and filariasis, will be issued three days after the medical examination.

Dr Uwaish said the medical examination will follow guidelines established by the Arab Gulf Health Secretariat.

He called on citizens and expatriates to complete these examinations for their maids and expatriate workers as quickly as possible.

Jassar to attend opening of new mosque in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, March 7, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti Minister of Awqaf Khalid Ahmad Al Jassar will be among several hundred foreign VIPs who will witness the opening of the new \$160 million Malaysian mosque in Selangor state town of Shah Alam, 25 km from here on Friday.

Khalid, who is now in Cairo, is scheduled to arrive in the Malaysian capital on Wednesday, says an official of the Kuwait Embassy here today.

The minister is making a short visit to Malaysia at the invitation of the Sultan of Selangor.

Selangor is the most industrialised state in central Malaysia.

Communications officials meet

AUB DHABI, March 7, (Kuna): A GCC executive committee comprising undersecretaries at ministries concerned with communications, Post, transportation and telephone began its two-day meeting here today to set up the agenda for the 4th meeting of the communication ministers.

Among other topics, the conference will tackle integration among the council states in the field of communications, as well as reviewing the standardisation of rates of communications services, in implementation of decisions by the GCC Supreme Council.

KPC allocates KD 12m for training

MAHMOUD Al Yahya, the Assistant Managing Director of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) for Training Affairs, said KPC had allocated KD12 million for training and development of staff during the current fiscal year.

He added that all training activities at local companies are now handled by one central training department under the administration of KPC. He said that about 3,000 employees were expected to benefit from the courses during the present Five Year Plan.

About 7,000 Kuwaitis work in the oil sector, he said, forming 44 percent of the total staff of 15,600.

Al Yahya explained that all manpower needs of the oil sector were covered by Kuwaiti employees in the last five years. He added that non-Kuwaitis were also appointed for specialised jobs requiring expertise. Kuwaitis replace non-Kuwaitis after training them for their jobs, he said.

Alawi for London

MUSCAT, March 7, (Kuna): The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah left here last night for London, leading Oman's team to the Omani-British joint commission meeting to be held at the British capital on Thursday.

The commission's annual meeting is due to review the cooperation between the two countries in different fields and the means to expand it.

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He also discussed with the Indian official the situation in Afghanistan. India briefed him about his stance on the Afghan problem.

Shafeen exchanges views with Indian officials

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He also discussed with the Indian official the situation in Afghanistan. India briefed him about his stance on the Afghan problem.

US to name new envoy to Israel

ABUDHABI, March 7, (Kuna): The US Secretary of State George Shultz has decided to change the US Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering in response to Israeli and Jewish American pressure, press reports here said today.

Quoting sources of the US State Department, Al Ittihad newspaper said Pickering will be replaced by William Braum next summer as a result of pressure on Washington for the past three years.

According to the sources, Israel and the Zionist lobby in Washington accused Pickering of exposing the US-Israeli relations to "unjustifiable crises."

The Israeli government had criticised Pickering's demand that Israeli authorities provide good treatment for Americans of

Tunisian president to visit S. Arabia

RIYADH, March 7, (Reuter): Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali will pay a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia from Tuesday, an official statement said.

The statement, carried by the Saudi Press Agency, said the visit was at the invitation of King Fahd, but gave no further details.

National Week for Handicapped

KUWAIT'S private sector, led by the Gulf Bank, will hold the third National Week for the Handicapped from March 21, said the general secretary of the organising committee, Ahmad Aziz Balool.

Balool, who is from the Gulf Bank's public relations department, said the week will be held under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sa'ad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Among the weeklong activities are a charity bazaar, folkore activities, sports, concerts and a series of other cultural shows. Popular singers from the Gulf will participate in the concerts.

The Programme Committee has formed a special organising committee to oversee the

Keen

The private sector is keen to take part in social welfare activities and has been contributing towards the integration of the handicapped in the society.

The week is being held by the Gulf Bank in cooperation with Kuwait Airways Corporation, Kuwait Hotels Company, W.J. Towells Company and Abdulaziz Al Ali Al Mutawa Company.

Further details about the week will be announced in the media - television, radio and newspapers.

Municipality selects 13 sites for bachelors

factors.

The study resulted in recommendations based on projected numbers up to the year 2015, with a two-stage implementation.

Abdul Razzak said that alternative housing areas could be provided for about 36,000 workers between the years 1988 and 2000 and by 2015 housing could be secured for about 116,000.

Mosque

He explained that each building in the bachelor areas would consist of two stories to accommodate a maximum of 100 workers, with two to four men per room. He said that each building would include all necessary facilities.

Each area will have a mosque to be built according to specifica-

tions of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, he said, adding that restaurants, super markets and meat shops would also be built in each area.

Abdul Razzak said the first stage includes designated areas in Amghara, South Sabahiya, Wafra, Mina Abdulla, South Riqqa, South Rabiya and Mabrouha.

The second stage, he said, would include areas in Sabahiya, Khairan, the First North Industrial Area, South Sulaiyibiyah, South Jahra and West Mina Abdullah.

Each "bachelor city" located near model areas will have populations not to exceed 5,000 and cities located in remote areas will have a capacity of 40,000.



British parliamentarians in discussions with the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed.

Soviets may agree to arms embargo on Iran

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to the parliament for discussion.

In Kuwait they met the acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, and the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed. They also toured some oil installations.

Evidence

Speaking to the reporters before departure for Riyadh, Howell said that both Kuwaiti and British governments view the arms embargo against Iran as the most effective way of stopping the Iran-Iraq war.

"Further steps have to be taken to reinforce pressure

against Iran to desist. It is our impression that expectations that Iran will enter into negotiations are not very high," said Howell.

The parliamentarians confirmed the need to maintain the British naval presence in the Gulf saying that according to the evidence from the shipping interests in Britain the British-flagged and owned shipping still require protection.

"This has been echoed in the views we heard expressed today in Kuwait," said Howell.

Peter Shore, a senior Labour member of the delegation added: "This is rather like a cat and mouse game. If the minesweepers were to disappear the mines would appear. The protection should be provided to the reinforce pressure

GCC foreign ministers to discuss war of cities

RIYADH, March 7, (Reuter): Foreign ministers from Gulf Arab states will meet next week to discuss the resumed "war of the cities" between Baghdad and Tehran. The Ministers will also discuss GCC moves to open a dialogue with Iran.

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Iraq has reported firing about 40 missiles at Iran since both sides resumed attacks on civilian population centres last month. Tehran says it has fired some 15 at Baghdad.

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Nine ministers and six officials from 15 countries were attending.

There was no representation from Syria, which supports Iran in the Gulf war, or from Egypt, Tunisia, Mauritania, Djibouti and Somalia.

The Baghdad-based Arab labour organisation organised the conference.

Speaking on behalf of the Islamic States, Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Alhulhasan said the measures adopted on February 24 "reflects the level of contempt by that obnoxious regime which flouts all human rights as measured by international laws and instruments."

The current debate, which began Thursday, was requested last week by Sierra Leone as chairman of the African group, and Zambia.

He said the move "a breach of all principles and standards upon which the world organisation and its charter are based. It is another link in a series of acts of oppression, brutality and murder" which he said have culminated in a state of emergency imposed in the summer of 1985.

Abulhassan said it was South Africa's aim to

Jagjit Singh looks up and up ...

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIAN ghazal singer Jagjit Singh's career graph has been steadily rising since the early 1970s. For the singer it is yet to "peak."

The man is a realist. "A graph can't always go up and up. It goes up and then declines. No one can stay on top forever." This outlook seems to drive the man score enough points to remain on top for a longer time than his competitors.

Jagjit's strategy is clear. Well aware of the "limited audience for classical music" he experimented, blended and created music that appeals to the man on the street. It paid rich dividends. His first record "The Unforgettables" became the largest selling disc as Jagjit puts it: "It made history in the field of non-film music."

System

Time was also on his side. Jagjit Singh came on the scene when the quality of film music, the most popular in India, was on the decline. "I filled a vacuum," he says with a wistful look in his eyes.

Jagjit believes in "doing his job." He has done his job well. He has also cashed in on the frailties of the system in which he operates and took advantage of every opportunity that



Jagjit Singh: creative

came his way. His rise was gradual and like a good planner he saw the need for catering to the music-starved multitudes. Demand grew. But the quality declined. Not of Jagjit's music, though. Many ghazal singers came on the scene cashing in on the renaissance of the ghazal.

"No one objects to the deterioration in the quality of ghazal singing," he moans.

"Will the quality improve? Yes, it could. Urdu literary societies must try to uplift the quality of verse and music," he stresses.

When Jagjit is on the stage he caters to "every whim of the men and women in the

audience, trying to maintain and retain audience rapport."

When he is recording, Jagjit is his "own master." The singer is tired of the "present trend of demand for sharab (wine) and shabab (women) type of music." In other words, lewd music becomes popular. There are certain ghazals that cannot be sung at a concert attended by families, he says. And at concerts where lascivious music is played it "becomes impossible to maintain discipline" he adds.

Music

Jagjit Singh steers, or at least tries to, clear of such type of music. He picks and chooses the verse of poets — old and new — and composes "soft, soothing music." Though reluctant to name his favourite contemporary poets, he rattles off the names of Qatil Shifai, Muzaffar Warsi and Rida Fadli as some of the men who write for him.

His music is gentle and calm perhaps because the composer in him dislikes "shril notes and shouting." So far, he has managed to avoid singing "loud music," a reference to pop and disco sounds.

Though he encourages new, upcoming talent, Jagjit sees to be way of the new generation of ghazal singers.

"They don't want to learn. They seek quick fame and want

to make a fast buck. They'll fade as quickly as they come," he prophesies.

A versatile composer and a trained musician, Jagjit feels it is "very important to study classical music." He seems to be a little overawed by all the attention he is getting and doesn't believe he is "very ambitious" and says he goes through phases of creativity and emptiness.

Phases

"At the moment I am going through a blank phase. I am contemplating, experimenting and trying out sounds," he says.

His career, though, is not so blank. He is currently composing music for a 16 part TV serial on the life of the noted Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib. Naseeruddin Shah plays the title role in the serial, which will be ready for release by May this year. Jagjit is the "voice of Ghalib." In between this assignment, he is also composing music for films ("composing film music is a side business"). And when he has got his act together Jagjit will record a video "to interpret the ghazal."

The ghazal singer admits fame, wealth and prosperity have rubbed him of "some of my creativity." And as an afterthought he adds: "Money is necessary to bring my type of music to the people."

Musical link-up in Manama

A MUSICAL link-up brings together singers from Kuwait, Bahrain and the UK at a concert due to be held later this month in Manama.

Sixteen members of the Kuwait Singers group will participate in the concert, due on March 30, along with the Manama Singers and the Avon County Symphonic Wind Band.

The Wind Band has presented highly successful concerts in the Gulf in 1981 and 1984. The group brings together woodwind, brass and percussion players from the country of Avon, UK. They play a selection of music from Broadway shows, jazz, pop, the classics, Marches and Symphonic Wind Band Show Pieces.

Music

More than 186 musicians will take part in the one-day concert, which will be held at the Regency Intercontinental.

The Kuwait Singers will present three of the eleven pieces at the Manama concert.

The Kuwait Singers' Musical Director Ian Robertson and the members of the group are currently rehearsing twice weekly for the show.

They will perform Vaughan Williams' "How Now Amiable," Charles Ives' "Circus Band" and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March," some of the highlights of the show.

Together the singers from the three countries will present music by Ron Nelson, Robert Russell Bennett, Warren Benson, Norred, Percy Grainger, Gordon Jacob, Stephen Sondheim and Clifton Williams.

The concert, says Robertson, will be a blend of the classical and popular sounds, catering to a wide audience. The format is very much like the Kuwait Singers' concert. They are now trying to get a headstart to enable them to organise Gulf concerts in coordination with similar groups in the Gulf.

Apart from Bahrain, choral groups perform in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states. Robertson's dream is to start the tradition of a "Weekend Choir Festival" for the Gulf-based Marches and Symphonic Wind Band Show Pieces.

Barriers

This month's concert has been dubbed as a musical event that "breaks down all barriers of politics, race and creed." In Kuwait, the 42-strong Singers have presented highly successful concerts. Its members are multinational, including Arab, and are linked by a common interest in music. The group was formed in 1986 by Ian Robertson and Oliver Lester, who recently left Kuwait.

The members of the group who are going to Bahrain are: Ian Robertson, co-musical director Gerry Wood, Ivana Belohorska, Ann O'hindra Malova, Ulrike Murz, Ulrike Nikolaus, Juergen Eikholt, Zara Pakhami Keady, Dick Wiggin, Marie Wiggin, Florence David, Barbara Watson, Marina Renck, Belino Alfonso, Mike Menchenhall and Laurie Hill.

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Luncheon Party

Friends of Great Ormond Street Hospital Lunch will be held on March 17, 1.30 pm, at Messiah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact 4831339; 5636675.

Kuwait Irish Society

St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm. or 574838.

Contact

The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 10 am at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details phone 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Photography Contest

Kapilu has extended the deadline to March 31 for submitting entries for the photography contest on "Portrait of Filipinos in Kuwait." The KPK I.D. number must be mentioned on all entries. For details phone 4877793.

SPORTS

Swimming Classes

Swimming classes for children, beginners, improvers and advanced levels will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel. For details contact the hotel's recreation manager.

Comedian Cosby tries desperately to get closer to his estranged wife in his latest movie, Leonard: Part VI. And she makes sure that the dinner's on him.

seven desperate years. She describes the comedy as "equal parts James Bond, Alice in Wonderland and It Happened One Night."

Pat says: "It's fun to shoot with Bill. He does all his James Bond heroics without any help from me. Our scenes together are closer to those played by Shelley Winters' lover in Blake Edwards' S.O.B. She has also had soap parts in Knots Landing and Flamingo Road.

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We have 40 million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Afghan war brought US, Pakistan closer

Soviet pullout could loosen ties

By Sheila Teff

ISLAMABAD: Pakistanis are increasingly wondering whether close links with the United States, forged by the Afghanistan war, will survive in times of peace.

Many analysts predict that the complex web of ties spun since the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan will loosen and begin to unravel with the growing likelihood of a Soviet pullout.

"Pakistan and American relations have been propped up by Afghanistan," says Mushahid Hussain, an Islamabad commentator and frequent critic of Pakistan's government. In Hussain's eyes: "It is not an enduring relationship."

Foreign observers and Pakistani analysts expect an Afghan settlement to give impetus to South Asia's shifting order, and trigger new superpower jockeying on the subcontinent.

Worry

A source of concern here is the possibility that the US might reduce military aid, which rose dramatically in response to the perceived Soviet threat. Such a move would lower tensions between the US and Pakistan's arch rival, India, foreign observers say.

At the same time, Pakistani analysts add, it could clear the way for better ties to Moscow.

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Aid

But it is not only the country's powerful military that will continue to favour sophisticated Western military equipment and ties. Many civilians are proud of the military aid which they feel has given Pakistan a measure of parity with India. Like emblems of national pride, pictures of US F-16 fighter aircraft adorn the sides of trucks and buses throughout the country.

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"The United States will have more influence on Pakistan than before," says an Indian diplomat. "Continuing economic aid to Pakistan is not the problem. The problem is the type of military aid." However, India itself exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is suspected of already having a weapons development programme in place.

US officials are still peered by India's refusal to join United Nations' condemnations of the Soviet role in Afghanistan. But in recent years, Washington has tried to counter Moscow's role as ally and arms supplier to India. The US is now boosting Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's modernisation plans by supplying Western technology, including military know-how.

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Chinese debate over press law

By David R. Schweisberg

BEIJING, (UPI): An often bitter debate is raging in Chinese media, academic and government circles over proposals for China's first press law, offering a rare glimpse of resentment at an Orwellian official grip on information management.

Despite considerable loosening in recent years in what is sanctioned for print in China, the behind-the-scenes arguments tell of continued tight control and intimidation of those who buck the traditional system of the press as propaganda vehicle.

"Besides a comparative lack of news in our paper, we are sometimes hard-pressed not to lie," acknowledged a senior editor during a recent private forum on the proposed legislation.

The press law, the first since the communists came to power in 1949, is intended to codify a new role that has been emerging for

the country's 400,000 member media establishment as a watchdog against official corruption and inefficiency under the leadership's experiment with "Kaifang," or "opening." The extent of relaxation is still uncertain. Nationwide debates among journalists, academics, judges and Communist Party officials on drafts of the law have bogged down in whether it should stress freedom or restraint.

In symbolic irony, official reports on the law are classified "Neibu," or "internal," restricted from foreigners and the public.

But Chinese sources say closed forums on the law, held in major cities, have aired unusually candid complaints.

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"The United States will have more influence on Pakistan than before," says an Indian diplomat. "Continuing economic aid to Pakistan is not the problem. The problem is the type of military aid." However, India itself exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is suspected of already having a weapons development programme in place.

US officials are still peered by India's refusal to join United Nations' condemnations of the Soviet role in Afghanistan. But in recent years, Washington has tried to counter Moscow's role as ally and arms supplier to India. The US is now boosting Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's modernisation plans by supplying Western technology, including military know-how.

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Breeding problems in captivity

Zoos around the world now contain more than half a million individual mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, but they are severely limited in terms of sheer space and animal care capacity to preserve the interests of endangered species.

By Norman Myers

NOAH built his Ark of wood, and it did the job. Today we build our zoos of sturdier stuff. But will they do their latter-day job of helping multitudes of threatened species?

According to Dr William Conway, director of the New York Zoo and chairman of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, modern zoos can do a great deal to serve as a backup strategy to support the primary conservation goal of safeguarding species in their wild habitats. No less and no more.

Zoos are severely limited in terms of sheer space, let alone animal-care capacity. All the animal space in the world's zoos would comfortably fit inside the Inner London Circular.

Zoos contain rather more than half a million individual mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

During the past few years they have bred about 9 per cent of all 8,700 bird species, and 19 per cent of all 4,500 mammal species.

Not all of these are yet threatened or rare creatures: this is the case for only 12 per cent of the birds and 48 per cent of the mammals. But the number of endangered forms is expanding rapidly...

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species of reptiles and amphibians. All in all, then, we need to think in terms of zoos care for at least 2,000 large terrestrial vertebrates.

Yet it costs an average of at least £400 for annual maintenance (space, food, heating, veterinary care and the like) of an individual of typical species. This means that were the zoos of the world to maintain 2,000 species at population levels of 500 each (considered a probable optimal for genetic-health purposes) over a period of 20 years, it would cost well over £8 billion, roughly twice as much as it cost the US to put a man on the Moon. Some observers think the cost could be twice as much or more.

Worse, we certainly shan't be



Who will pay for the next meal? Tigers face real problems.

Gorillas are even more costly: the 500 in zoos cost £2,850 each per year, making a total of £28 million over 20 years. Unless we can keep them alive in captivity, we shall probably witness, within the coming decades, the demise of around 100 large carnivore species, some 160 species of primates, and perhaps 215 herbivores other than primates, plus about 300 species from other mammalian orders, making a total of about 800 species.

Something similar will hold for birds. In addition we shall have to depend on zoos for the survival of several hundred

almost 1,200 Siberian tigers ever counted in the international stud book (including those now dead), all derive from an original stock of 39-wild-born specimens.

These tigers epitomise the problems of small animal populations such as occur in zoos and increasingly in the wild.

Small populations rapidly lose genetic diversity that is vital for species to maintain their adaptability and vigour. The smaller the population, the faster the loss.

Equally important, it is not enough, for genetic-health needs, merely to count the number of animals. The "genetically effective" size of a population is a function of the proportion of animals that actually reproduce, considered in conjunction with their sex ratios and family sizes.

The more disparate are the sex ratio and family size, and the smaller the proportion of breeders, the faster is genetic diversity lost. Indeed the genetically effective size can vary from one-tenth to twice the size of the total population. By the late 1970's, and due primarily to great variations in family sizes, the critical size of the Siberian tiger population in North America was only 10 to 20 per cent of their numbers.

Worse, this North American tiger population is ageing. If recent trends were to continue until 1990, about 45 per cent of the females and 29 per cent of the males would be well past the "demographic prime" for such tigers. In other words, the population would be far on its way to genetic instability, and hence to demographic senescence.

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nology (to use the scientific term for frozen zoo methods) to become a viable alternative to conventional breeding for most species. Moreover, cryogenics, like many technological fixes, could prove extremely expensive. After all, it has cost us millions of pounds and decades of research to develop techniques for just a single species, cattle.

Along the way, we shall encounter some difficult challenges of "breeding ethics". Consider the Siberian tiger. According to zoo-tiger experts Drs Tom Foose and Ulysses O'Connor, there are about 700 Siberian tigers in zoos today, more than remain in the wild. Almost 90 per cent of them have been born in captivity. Of the

By Jan Ziegler

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Bush pilots and hunters in Africa used to say that elephants' innards rumble like low thunder when the beasts are contented, but the noise is actually a form of conversation that may communicate everything from danger to ardour.

Elephants talk to each other by producing sounds of very low frequency, ranging from the lowest audible to the human ear to way below, wildlife specialist Katie Paine has found.

"It turns out there's quite an extensive communication system and quite a repertoire of sounds that are too low for us to hear," Paine said at a recent World Wildlife Fund seminar.

"It's not tummy rumbling," said Russell Train, head of the fund.

Paine and colleagues including Joyce Poole of the African Wildlife Foundation, who have studied elephants in Africa, believe the low-pitched banter originating in the animal's throats and sometimes causing a throb in their foreheads explains certain puzzling aspects of elephant behaviour.

For instance, it explains how elephants that have been standing around the veldt can suddenly form a cohesive herd and hoof it away from danger when, for instance, a Masai warrior shows up.

Preliminary calculations indicate the sounds may be audible to other elephants up to six miles away. This may explain how elephants seem to be able to keep track of each

Elephant talk

Tummy rumbling? No it's just a few elephants in conversation. Katie Paine who has studied elephants in Africa believes that the low-pitched banter originating in the animals' throats is actually a form of conversation that may communicate everything from danger to ardour.



Elephants in the veldt: their low rumblings are a form of conversation, says an elephant-watcher.

others' locations even when separated and how different families can travel in absolutely parallel tracks, unseen by each other.

Communication

"My guess is, infrasound communication enables elephants to spread out in the dry season for foraging and still know where each other is," said Paine, referring to frequencies below the range that can be heard by humans.

"Most important, it may enable them to find mates in spite of the fact they live at a distance from one another," she said.

For some reason, Paine said, Poole's work has shown dominant bulls who leave their living areas to find a mate always latch on to lead females who are ready for them, even though the females' period of estrus may last only 24 hours.

Low-frequency elephantine

come-hitters and where-art-thous doubtless have something to do with this, said, whose work is sponsored by the WWF.

"It can't happen randomly," she said.

Paine and a colleague have recorded more than 1,000 calls and have begun classifying them.

"The next question that we have is, over what distance are these calls effective?" she said.

Paine plans to travel back to Etosha, a reserve in Namibia where she has done her research, to play some elephantine recordings at various distances from live elephants and see what the response is and how far away they can be heard.

Paine, a research associate in the laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, stumbled across the phenomenon while sitting in a elephant cage at the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Oregon. She realised she had felt a low throb in the air.

"It occurred to me this had happened to me before, when I was in the presence of close thunder, when I stood near an organ pipe that was playing very low," she said.

In the zoo, the elephants tended to call to one another when zoo keepers came or left or when they heard other elephants calling, she said.

She said it was the first time a land animal had been found to make infrasonic noises. Paine previously spent more than a decade researching whales, which also have an infrasonic communication system, with former husband Roger Paine.

south of Fergus Falls in north-central Minnesota.

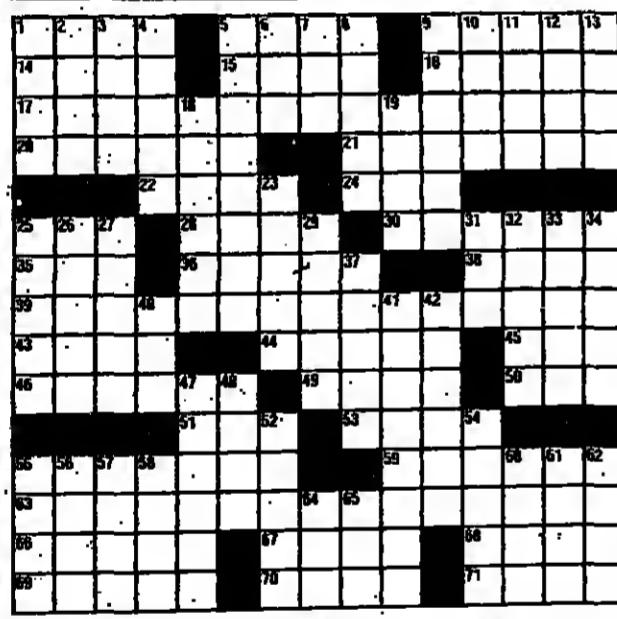
The Llama business is becoming increasingly lucrative, the couple said.

"It is our main source of income," Wells said. "There's a good market for them and the profit is very high."

The females start out at about 6,500 dollars and a high-quality female can sell for more than 10 times that amount, Mrs Wells said. The males usually start at about 500 dollars, with the females fetching higher prices because they are the producers, she said.

The Wells spend about 1,500 dollars a year on feed and medical expenses for their Llama herd.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ELIMINATE THE GUESS

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♦ K Q 9
♦ J 7 3
♦ A Q 10
♦ A J 10 6
WEST
♦ 7 4 3
♦ A K Q 10 9 6 4 7 8 5
♦ 4 2
♦ 5
EAST
♦ 6
♦ 9 7 6 5 3
♦ Q 8 7 4 2
SOUTH
♦ A J 10 8 5 2
♦ 2
♦ K J 8
♦ K 9 3

The bidding:
West North East South
3 7 Dbl Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 7 Pass 6 ♠
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♦

There are many situations where you can take a finesse either way. If, when the time arrives to take it and it is still a pure guess, you probably went wrong somewhere in the play.

North had an awkward hand. It was certainly strong enough to act, but it was square and had only three cards, albeit choice ones, in the unbid major. He elected to act, and

before he knew it he found himself being dummy while partner played six spades.

Because of the unfortunate duplication in diamonds, declarer found that his slam depended on finding the queen of clubs. He could take the finesse either way, and that would have complicated the situation had declarer found it essential to rely on the finesse. Instead, he made the contract iron-clad, as the cards lay.

Declarer ruffed the second round of hearts, drew trumps ending in dummy and ruffed the last heart as East showed out. Then came three rounds of diamonds, and when West followed to the first two of these, declarer could claim his contract. West had shown up with three spades, seven hearts and two diamonds, so he could hold at most one club. Declarer led a club to the ace and ran the jack of clubs to score his slam.

Note that if North did not have the ten of clubs, the only chance for the contract would have been to find West with a singleton honor in the suit. Far from being a hindrance, the two-way finesse actually made the slam a laydown.

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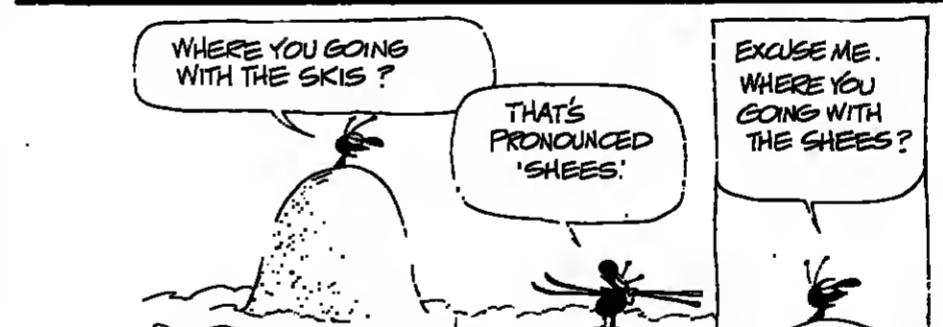
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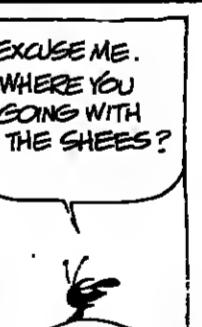
CERTAINLY NOT!



B.C.



THAT'S PRONOUNCED 'SHEES'!



TO THE SHEE SNOPES.

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find more doors open to you, but you must still take care. If you do not you are liable to create confusion. Try to ensure you do not offend anyone. Be sensible.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will not be the best of moods but you should do your best to avoid being quarrelsome. You should opt to be slow to show your appreciation. Try to avoid giving rise to jealousy. Be cordial.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Unless you seek to organise yourself better you are liable to get into a muddle. You should go out of your way to play fair. Make sure you welcome rather than resist change. Be objective.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid allowing work to eat into your leisure time. Make sure you do not lose your temper with anyone least of all a child. Beware of deluding yourself. Be a little more optimistic.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You should pay a little more attention to your health. something you have been learning will suddenly fall into place. You should avoid any kind of exaggeration. Be on your guard.

Gemini (May 20 - June 21)

Make sure you do not rely on luck to get you out of trouble. Do not lose contact with a friend who is moving house. You will have to dress more appropriately than you have been of late. Be less resentful.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 21)

You will be in rather high spirits and must try to contain yourself. You will have something to be really pleased about. Try not to contradict yourself. Be a little more considerate.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You need a little more common-sense and a lot more goodwill. You should concentrate on essentials and leave the details until later. Do not leave planning for a journey until the very last minute.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Your personal life will have moments of tension and you will need forbearance to deal with them. You will realise how lucky you have been. Do not take everything quite so literally. Be sincere.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will feel a little more enterprising than you have been

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

An essential part of your participation in school is paying attention in class. This is sometimes difficult because it is easy to let your mind wander and to begin thinking about what you will do at recess or after school with your friends.

To be a successful student, however, you must give the teacher your full attention. A way of helping you to be an active student is to take notes on what the teacher is saying or to repeat in your mind the information given. Look at the teacher when she/he is speaking, and remove anything from your desk that might be a distraction.

Anyone can simply sit in a chair in a classroom. But an active student is mentally alert and aware of the instruction taking place. Be an active student by focusing your attention on the teacher, and then you will enjoy your recess and after school time, knowing that you have listened and understood what was taught in the classroom.

Aunt Barbara

ASK Quiz Bowl Teams take top places



The American School of Kuwait's Quiz Bowl Team A took first and Team B second place in the EMAC Academic Games held at the Schutz American School in Alexandria, Egypt. Universal American School placed third. Represented were 21 teams from Cairo, Abu Dhabi, Athens, Jordan and Kuwait. All of the teams faced stiff competition in the nine rounds of question and answer sessions. ASK's Team A is pictured above standing with Omar Bahlia, Naim Hilal, Ray Heaney, Imran Siddiqui, Team B (kneeling) with Omar Siddiqui, Vasudev Gupta, Asadullah Aman, Taric Hegab and Team C (kneeling) with Ramy Shahin, San San Lo, Sahar Bahlia, Gaurav Grover & Dileepan Sivapathasundaram. The teams are pictured with their coaches and sponsors Richard Hartung and Trish Tareco.

Subjects covered in the Quiz Bowl were Science, Mathematics, History, Health, Sports, Music and Entertainment. Students ranged in age from 11 to 14.

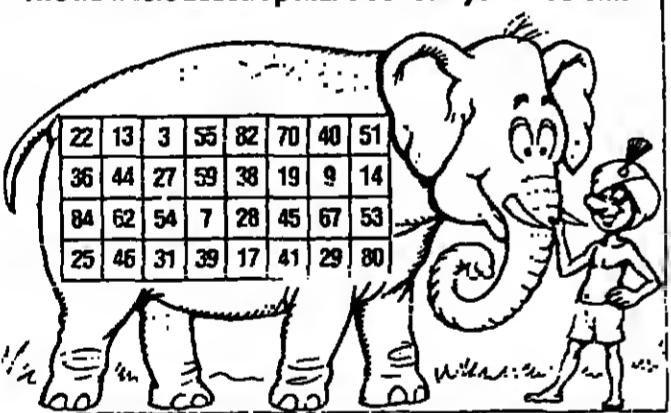
Happy birthday

Bonita Fernandes celebrated her 8th birthday on Sunday, March 6. Happy birthday, Bonita, from your family and friends.

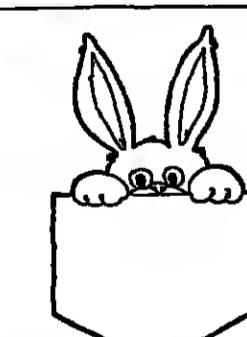
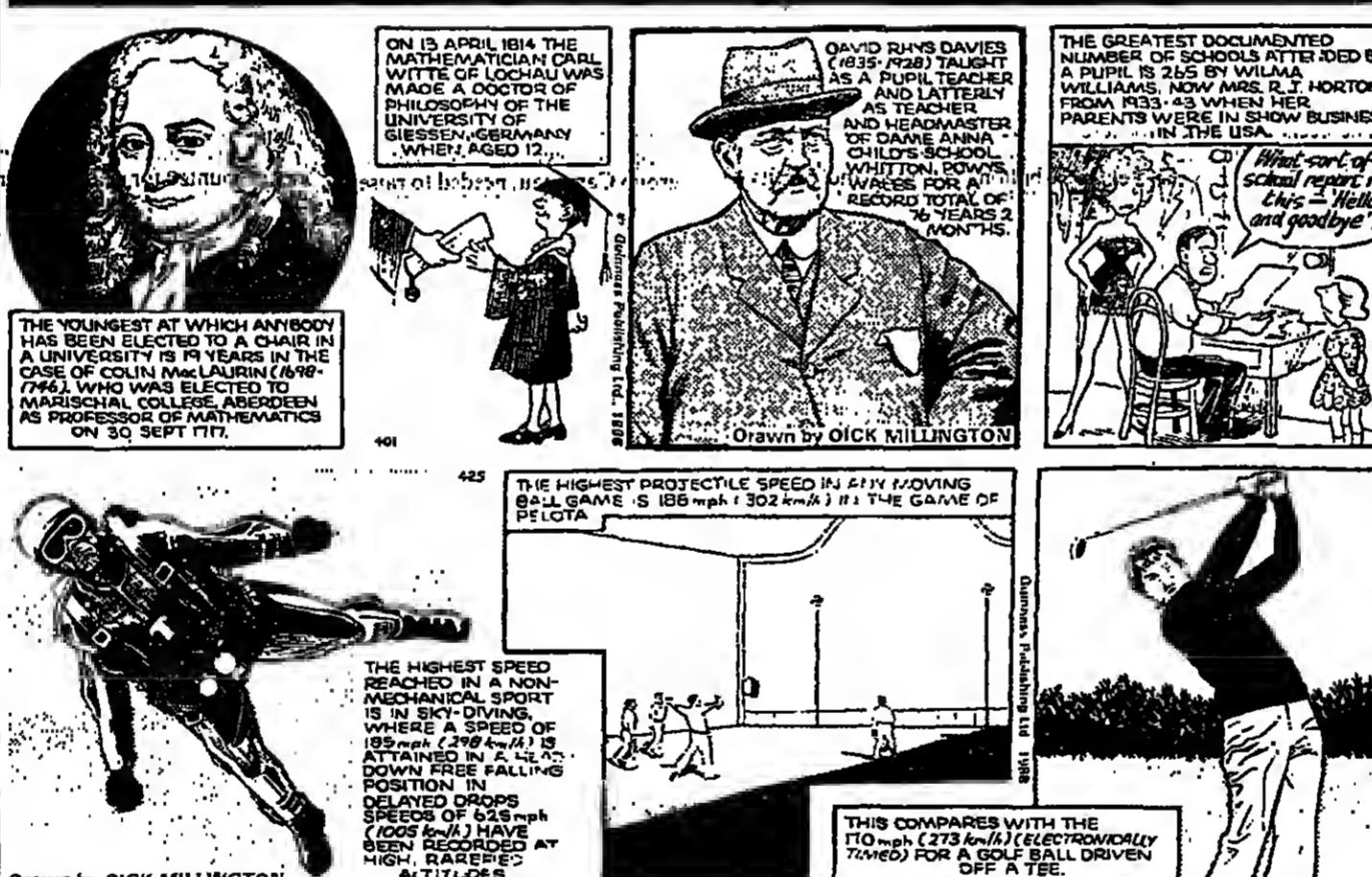


Add it up

Two numbers added up make 88. Can you find them?



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Magic tricks

Magic in Your Pocket

That's four in a row

The illusion:

Someone calls out a number between 10 and 20, and you count that many cards off the deck. Two smaller packets are taken from that group, one packet for each of the two digits. You pick up the last card dealt and put it to one side face down. All the cards are gathered up, replaced on the deck, and a second number asked for. You repeat the process with new numbers until you have four cards down in a row. Have an onlooker turn them over and there are the four Aces.

The preparation:

You have put the four Aces on top of the pack with nine cards on top of them (1). The rest is automatic.

The trick:

Ask for any number between 10 and 20. Let's say someone calls out 15. Count that many cards into a pile in front of you and set the deck aside (2). Pick up the 15 cards and tell your audience that a 15 is made of a one (deal a single card slightly to your left) and a five. (deal

five cards just to the right of the single one (3)). Remove the last card you dealt and put it to one side face down; it is an Ace but you don't show it (4). Drop the cards remaining in your hand on top of the remainder of the right-hand pile, place all of those cards on the single card to the left, and put all of them back on top of the deck.

Ask for another number from 10 to 20, and repeat the process by counting off that many cards and then making two smaller piles equal to the two digits of the number.

The last card dealt is always placed to one side. When you have all four Aces together, turn them over. That'll be four Aces over easy.

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Big Bear to the rescue

on the grass. "Quick, Skunk," he gasped. "Mr Mole has fallen in the well, and I need a brush to rescue him."

"What?" said Skunk. "How are you going to rescue Mr Mole with a brush?"

Big Bear sighed. "It's a long story. Just give me the brush, Skunk."

Skunk took a tiny bite of toast. "Sure," he said. "As soon as I've finished eating this very dry piece of toast." Then he added, "Of course, I'd get done a lot faster if I had some honey."

Big Bear jumped up. "Honey?" he said. "I have lots of honey at home." Big Bear ran to his house. He got a jar of honey and took it to Skunk. Skunk gave him a brush.

Then Big Bear raced

across the field to Spotted Pony. "Now hurry and get the pillow," said Big Bear, putting the brush in Spotted Pony's teeth. "And meet me in Skunk's yard."

Big Bear ran up the road. He passed Owl. "You'll find a soft pillow in Skunk's yard," he shouted. "And don't forget the wheelbarrow."

Finally, he came to Squirrel. Squirrel hadn't moved. "Okay, Squirrel," said Big Bear. "There is no time to lose. Bring the rope to Skunk's yard and you'll get the wheelbarrow. But hurry!"

Bank in Skunk's yard, Big Bear walked around and around. At last the others came. "Please," called Big Bear, "if you will just get in line, we can finish fast."



While they were lining up, a small brown head poked through the hole in Skunk's yard. It was Mr Mole. He had finished his afternoon nap at the bottom of the well. He wanted to get some air.

Mr Mole was surprised to see all his neighbours. They didn't see him. So he just stayed quiet and waited to find out what would happen.

The trading began. Spotted Pony gave Owl the soft pillow. "I'm only doing this for the sake of Poor Mr Mole," said Spotted Pony, brushing his mane with Skunk's brush. Owl pushed the wheelbarrow toward Squirrel. "I wonder if Mr Mole knows all the trouble we've gone to," said Owl, hugging his pillow.

Squirrel threw Big Bear a rope. "Mr Mole is very lucky to have us for friends," said Squirrel, taking the wheelbarrow.

Big Bear caught the rope. "A rope," he shouted. "At last a rope!" Someone behind them coughed.

"Did you hear something?" Squirrel asked. "I think so," said Spotted Pony. "It sounded like a cough," said Owl.

"AHEM!" They all jumped. There was Mr Mole. For a second no one moved. Then they rushed over to Mr Mole. They shook his paw and slapped his back. "How did you get out? How did you get out of the well?" they kept asking.

"What do you mean?" Mr Mole answered. "I just walked through my tunnel, the same as always."

"Oh," said Squirrel. "Oh," said Owl and

Spotted Pony and Skunk. Big Bear said, "It's nice to have you with us, Mr Mole. This is my fault. When I saw you lying at the bottom of the well, I thought you'd fallen in."

Big Bear held up the rope. "I was trying to rescue you."

Mr Mole nodded. "Well," he said, "I can understand the rope. But how were you going to get me out with a jar of honey? Or a pillow? Or a brush? Or a wheelbarrow?"

Everyone talked at once. "My toast was too dry," said Skunk.

"My nest was too hard," said Owl.

"My back was too itchy," said Spotted Pony. "My bricks were too heavy," said Squirrel.

Everyone stopped talking. They all looked at their feet. Finally, Squirrel cleared his throat. "I guess we could have been more helpful," said Spotted Pony.

Mr Mole added, "Even when the friend doesn't need to be rescued."

Skunk had the last word. "Everyone's invited to a party in honour of Big Bear," he announced. "Big Bear was the only one who tried his best."

They all cheered. "Hurrah for Big Bear!"

It was a fine party. They had a pillow fight. They brushed each other's backs. They rode around in the wheelbarrow. And they jumped rope.

At supper there was plenty of honey for everyone.

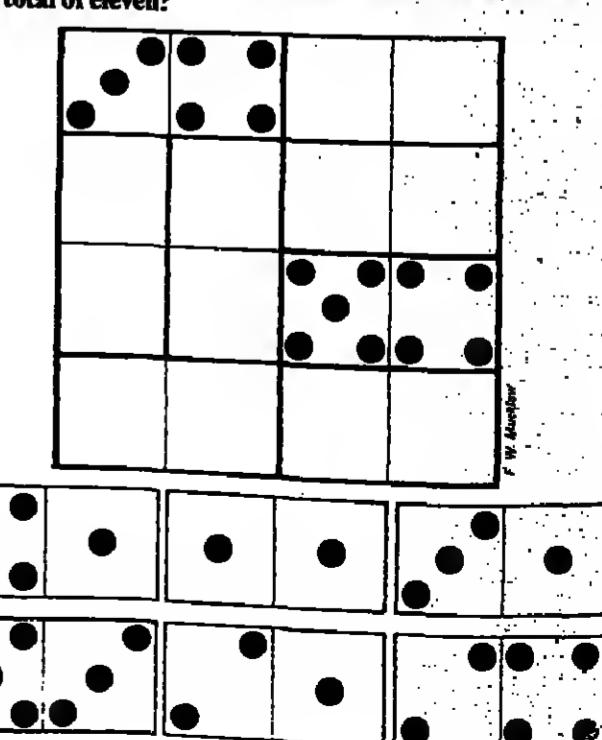
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Blind-stitch	Gathering	Pins
Bobbin	Grade	Pattern
Buttons	Grain	Top-stitching
Canvas	Gusset	Tucks
Casing	Hemline	Vent
Clip	Selvedge	Warp
Dart	Hook and bar	Weft
	Interfacing	Zigzag
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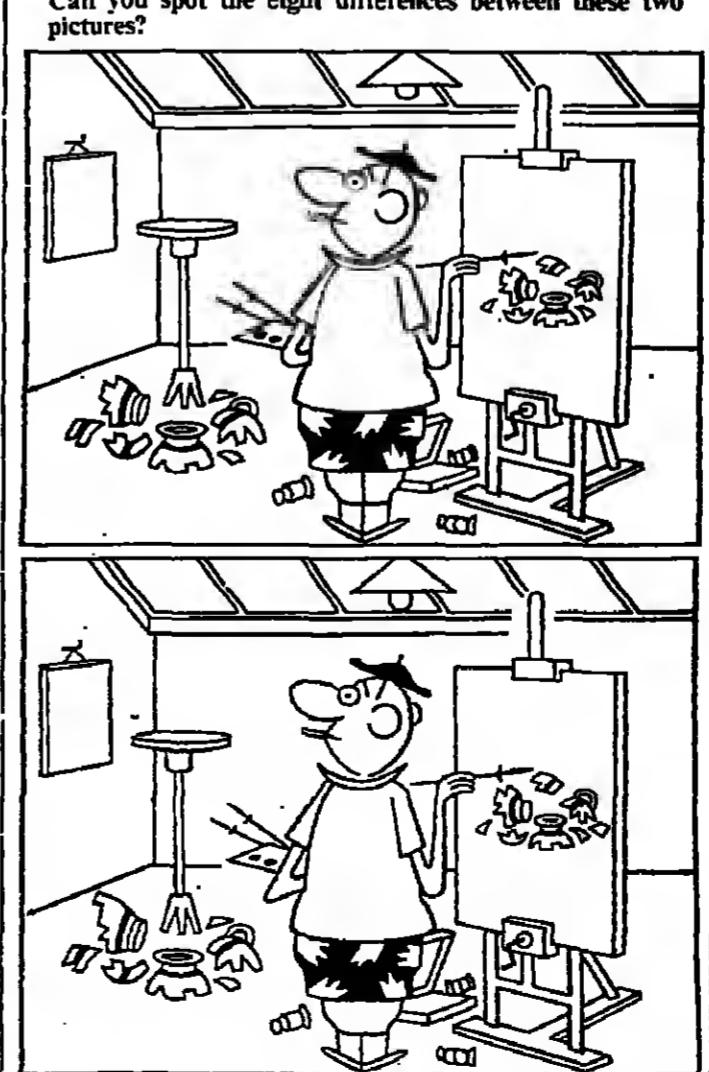
On the spot

Can you place the dominoes into the grid so that the four vertical, four horizontal and both diagonal rows each have a spot total of eleven?



Great potential

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Magic in Your Pocket

That's four in a row

The illusion:

Someone calls out a number between 10 and 20, and you count that many cards off the deck. Two smaller packets are taken from that group, one packet for each of the two digits. You pick up the last card dealt and put it to one side face down. All the cards are gathered up, replaced on the deck, and a second number asked for. You repeat the process with new numbers until you have four cards down in a row. Have an onlooker turn them over and there are the four Aces.

The preparation:

You have put the four Aces on top of the pack with nine cards on top of them (1). The rest is automatic.

The trick:

Ask for any number between 10 and 20. Let's say someone calls out 15. Count that many cards into a pile in front of you and set the deck aside (2). Pick up the 15 cards and tell your audience that a 15 is made of a one (deal a single card slightly to your left) and a five. (deal

Joy, it's 15!

BUSINESS & FINANCE

UAE to issue bonds to cut budget deficit

ABU DHABI, March 7, (Reuters): The UAE said today it would issue government bonds worth between one and two billion dirhams (\$270 to 540 million) to help to reduce its 1982 budget deficit.

The Arabic daily Al-Jittihad quoted finance department undersecretary Jouan Salem as saying each bond would be worth at least one million dirhams (\$270,000).

"Such high-priced bonds will cut administrative costs and might be sold only to banks and financial institutions," he said.

Active

Banks could create an active bond investment market by selling smaller denominations to individual clients, he added. He did not say when the bonds would be issued.

A senior finance official said last month higher oil prices meant the projected 1988 budget deficit would be somewhat lower than 1987's 2.76 billion dirhams (\$345 million).

Each of the seven emirates in the federation contributes half its income to the budget. The bulk of the money comes from the two richest, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, whose oil production accounts for more than 97 percent of total UAE output.

Kuwait has already launched a government bond programme and Saudi Arabia plans to bond on the domestic market in its first fund-raising exercise in 25 years.

Meanwhile, the emirate of Dubai handled more than six million tons of cargo in its import, export and re-export trade during the first 11 months of 1987.

Statoil announces major reorganisation

OSLO, March 7, (Reuters): Statoil, Norway's state oil firm and the country's biggest company, announced a major corporate reorganisation plan yesterday following massive cost-cutting at its Mongstad refinery project.

Board chairman Jan Erik Langangen told a news conference the company would reduce its six divisions to three, but would not alter its interests, which range from North Sea exploration to petrochemicals.

"Statoil is now aiming to realise profits as a business, rather than to develop the North Sea as has been the case for the last 16 years," he said.

The firm, founded in 1972 to build up Norway's then fledgling oil industry, now employs 11,000 people and has annual turnover of 50 billion kroner (\$8 billion). Norway is Western Europe's second biggest oil producer after Britain.

"We will remain with the concept of a fully integrated company, which has proved to be the best in the international oil business," Langangen said.

Statoil had pledged to re-examine its corporate structure, after the Mongstad scandalised to the resignation of the board and managing director and caused a political scandal that at one stage threatened the minority Labour government.

Malaysian banking team to visit Iran

TEHRAN, March 7, (Opecna): A Malaysian banking delegation is expected to visit Iran soon to make necessary arrangements for direct trade between the two countries, it was announced here at the weekend.

Speaking at the end of a four-day visit here, Malaysian Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin said the discussions held by officials of the two countries had paved the way for expansion of bilateral economic relations.

The value of trade exchanges between the two countries in the first nine months of the current Iranian year stood at \$8.50 million.

Describing the visit as successful, Iranian Minister of Economic and Financial Affairs Mohammad Javad Iravani said the trade exchanges were expected to increase once a banking agreement was signed by the two countries.

The two sides had earlier announced their readiness to consolidate bilateral ties in economic and technical areas, including oil.

The visiting delegation said Malaysia could export tin, rubber, wood, cocoa, palm oil, fertilisers and industrial goods in exchange for Iranian non-oil goods such as carpets, handicrafts, dates and caviar.

Experts to highlight the interactive role of design in business

How design can build up company's image

THE First International Design Forum, to be held in Singapore, promises to be an international gathering of manufacturers, designers and design educators that will not only discuss but also show how design has given products their competitive edge.

It is an opportunity for participants not only to keep abreast with the latest trends and developments in design but also to sell and shop for design services.

The theme of the forum is "Design — Your Competitive Edge." The forum represents the launching of Singapore's national endeavour to promote the use of good design to sharpen its competitiveness overseas.

To be held from Oct 19 to 23, the forum comprises a three-day conference and a five-day exhibition. The venue of the event is the Raffles City Convention Centre.

Eminent leaders from various international design centres and well-known in the design circle for their contributions to design will be speaking at the conference.

Products

Five countries — Italy, Japan, UK, USA and West Germany — will display well-designed products under their national pavilions alongside with Singapore during the exhibition.

The forum, the first of its kind to be held in Singapore and Southeast Asia, is organised by

the Singapore Trade Development Board (STDB) in collaboration with the Economic Development Board (EDB) and the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (SISIR).

The STDB is a national agency set up to promote and expand Singapore's international trade.

Designers

The three-day conference which begins on Oct 19 is expected to be attended by over 400 manufacturers, designers and design educators from Singapore and various parts of the world including countries in Southeast Asia, India and the People's Republic of China.

Manufacturers will be able to learn how to effectively use design in production and marketing during the conference.

Designers and design educators can take this opportunity to update on the latest trends and developments in the international design scene.

A wide range of topics will be covered during the conference including the crucial role design plays in the market success of a product, how design can build up the company's image in the market, design management, design education and computer-supported design.

Workshops will be held to allow delegates to share their opinions on the developments in the design industry and learn

how other companies have effectively used design to increase their profits.

Key speakers of the conference are Mario Bellini and Hans Von Klier from Italy; David Bethel and Kenneth Grange from UK; Kenji Eku from Japan; and Charles Owen from USA.

Mario Bellini is one of the leading industrial designers in Italy. He is particularly noted for his work on Olivetti office machines, as well as furniture, lighting, automobiles, tableware and home appliances.

David Bethel, former director of Leicester Polytechnic in the UK, is a distinguished design educator and consultant.

Kenji Eku, a top Japanese industrial designer, is best known for his work on Yamaha musical instruments, motor vehicles and transport vehicles.

Kenneth Grange, a British industrial designer, achieved international recognition for his work on the Kenwood chef food mixer and the Kodak instant camera. He is also the president of the Chartered Society of Designers in the UK.

Charles Owen is a professor of design at the Institute of Design in the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, USA.

He has done work in the fields of product design, computer-supported design, design methodology and computer graphics.

Hans Von Klier, an eminent industrial designer, is responsible for the design of Olivetti products and furniture from 1960 to 1969. He is currently in charge of Olivetti's corporate identity.

Five national pavilions will be put up by Italy, Japan, UK, USA and West Germany during the exhibition from Oct 19 to 23.

They will show off winning entries from the national and international design award schemes and competitions.

The Singapore stand will display a special selection of well-designed products by both local manufacturers and multinational firms. These will be products that are predominantly designed and manufactured in Singapore.

Italian multinational electronic equipment manufacturer, Olivetti, which has been in Singapore since 1980, will be putting up a company pavilion to show how the company's corporate identity was developed over the years together with changes in market conditions and demands.

Olivetti Singapore which has in-house design capabilities, manufacturers and distributes electronic printing calculators, electronic typewriters and inkjet printers.

Foreign, regional and local design consultants and agencies will be invited to promote and offer their expertise and services at the exhibition. They can seize the opportunity to survey the design requirements of the regional market and establish contacts with potential customers from Singapore and other Southeast Asian countries.

Manufacturers and industrialists can also take this opportunity to look for the appropriate expertise they require for their own needs.

As the design forum is aimed not only at designers but more importantly at manufacturers, businessmen and educationists; and as it is more an industry oriented event, this logo was chosen to highlight the interactive role of design in business.

Consumer

The three characters represent the designer, the manufacturer and the consumer. Together they show the interaction between the designer and manufacturer; the manufacturer and consumer; and the designer and consumer. They symbolise interactive human elements of the design forum as well as the integral role of design in business.

The three dimensional shapes carried by the characters — the sphere, the cube and the pyramid — represent the basic elements and shapes of design. They symbolise the creative concept or idea, as well as the finished product. The totality of the logo has also captured the unique entrepreneurial spirit of the event.

South Africa's exports to US hit hard by sanctions

JOHANNESBURG, March 7, (Reuters): South African exports to the United States fell by almost 45 percent in the first nine months of 1987 after Washington imposed anti-apartheid sanctions.

US Commerce Department figures released in Johannesburg today showed South Africa's exports to the US fell to \$1.01 billion from \$1.82 billion in the 1986 period.

South African imports, which once accounted for 40 percent of total exports to the United States, fell to zero between January and September last year.

So did exports of gold and silver bullion, coal, iron and steel, and a range of farm products banned by the US comprehensive anti-apartheid act of 1986.

The law, enacted in October 1986, also barred new investment and bank loans to South Africa.

UK output hit by shortage of skilled labour

LONDON, March 7, (UPI): The number of British manufacturers anticipating that shortages of skilled labour will hit output has nearly doubled over the past year, according to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) this week.

A new survey of skill shortages published by the CBI and the Manpower Services Commission showed that the percentage of respondents affected rose from 19 percent in 1986 to 34 percent in 1987.

The survey's conclusions were broadly in line with the CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey and reflected the substantial economic growth in the past year that has led to increased recruitment, particularly at higher skill levels, across manufacturing industry, the CBI said.

Technology

It showed that the group most affected was "professional engineers" — particularly electrical, electronic and mechanical engineers — and that experienced managers, computing and

information technology specialists and some types of engineering craftsmen were also in high demand.

Nomura International, the London arm of the giant Japanese securities house, has been given the green light by the Bank of England to act as market makers in British gilts (government stocks), the company said this week:

Application

The firm, which lodged its request last October, on the first anniversary of Big Bang, said the bank had indicated its approval.

The decision by the Japanese firm last year to allow four British securities firms onto the Tokyo Stock Exchange removed one major obstacle to entry by Nomura into the gilts market.

Nomura International is part of Nomura Securities — the world's biggest securities house.

It has built up a major presence in London, and is likely to be joined in the gilts market by another Japanese firm, Daiwa Securities, which has also made an application to the bank.

Fast-growing

Beazer this week announced its biggest foray yet into the US and a \$70 million (\$1.296 billion) bid for a major building materials group.

Beazer is making an offer through its holding company, BNS, for Koppers, a group with the interests in building materials and services and chemicals.

The British group is funding the purchase in part with various loans worth £620 million (\$1.16 billion).

Beazer has already said it does not want the chemicals business.

Koppers' notched up sales of about £860 million (\$1.54 billion) last year and profits of £75 million (\$135 million).

Expand

Beazer, which has been built up almost from scratch over the past decade by chairman Brian Beazer, with a strong of acquisitions in the British building industry, started to expand in the US in October 1986.

Since then it has spent about £190 million (\$342 million) on a concrete products manufacturer.

a housebuilder in Tennessee and a small aggregates producer.

Take-overs are not as simple as they may seem — as two British companies found this week.

Chain store Marks and Spencer (M&S) ran into a last-minute hitch in its £436.3 million (\$785.34 million) bid for US men's clothing group Brooks Brothers.

Sale

A counter-bidder emerged for an American retailer — Federated Department Stores — the sale of which to Brooks' parent company was a condition of the deal with M&S.

Brooks' owners, the Canadian group Campau, needed to raise money for its £3.39 billion (\$6.102 billion) purchase of Federated, hence the Brooks' sale.

But the deal with M&S depended upon the completion of the Federated takeover.

Last week the deal to be sown up. But Federated confirmed it has received a last-minute counter-bid from a firm called RH Macey.

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Banks face crucial week

PANAMA CITY, March 7, (Reuters): Panama's banks closed by cut-off of US cash and threatened with a trade embargo, begins a week that could make or break its banking industry, business leaders said.

Most bankers said it was unlikely the banks would reopen today after being closed indefinitely on Friday by the banking commission to prevent a run on deposits.

They said it would be a disaster to reopen before being resupplied with dollars. Panama's legal tender, which are flown in from the Federal Reserve Bank in Miami and distributed by the Banco Nacional, the nation's central bank.

The Vatican Bank, known as the Institute for Religious Works (IOR), manages money for religious orders. It owned part of the failed Banco Ambrosiano and Italian authorities had accused it of sharing responsibility for Italy's largest private financial scandal.

The Vatican Bank, which is smaller than those of some US dioceses — had nothing to hide.

As in past years, the Vatican said the 1988 deficit would be covered by dipping into Peter's pence, a collection taken up in churches around the world for the Pope's use.

Reputation

Panama's use of the dollar as its national currency helped to win a reputation as a sound offshore banking centre, which is why it has 10,000 employees, is the second biggest source of jobs after the military.

Some bankers said an influx of dollars — and thus a quick reopening of the banks — could help re-establish the industry's reputation, but it was unclear where such cash might come from.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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NAME	LAST	LASMO	296/4	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	274.0	LEGAL+GEN	286/0	A.B. ELECT	369/0	568/0
ADT LTD	113.0	LONRIO	262.0	AMT HEM	268/0	268/0
ALD LYONS	363.0	LUCAS IND	648.0	APV PLC	130/4	131/0
AMSTRAD	65.00	MAGNET	238/0	AARONSON	122/0	125/0
ARGYLL GP	211.0	MARKS+SP	179.0	AAH HDL	272/0	273/0
ASDA MFI	179.0	MARVELL C	260/0	ADIDAS G	100/0	100/0
BAA PP	04.89	METAL BOX	193/0	ADWEST GP	320/0	320/0
BTR	268.0	NEPC	478/0	ALEX WRKU	180/0	180/0
BAT INDS	455.0	NIDLAND BK	405.0	ALLD IR B	215/0	215/0
BARCLAYS	515.0	NEXT	287/0	ALLIANCE	818/0	820/0
BASS	840.0	NTH FOODS	276.0	ALLD COL	140/0	140/0
BEAVER	188.0	P & O DFS	570/0	ALLD PLAN	54/0	55/0
BEECHAMS	479.0	PEARL	467/0	AMARI PLC	171/0	172/0
BET ORD	253.0	PEARSON	677/0	AMC PLC	357/0	356/0
BIGE PLC	346.0	PILKINGTON	233/0	AMER TRUS	119/0	119/0
BLU ARR	115.0	PLESSEY	166/0	AMERSHAM	495/0	495/0
BLUE CIRC	465.0	PRUDENTIAL	864.0	ANGLIA TV	421/0	423/0
BOD GP	395.0	RACAL	229.0	ANSBACHER	68/0	68/0
BOOTS CO	228.0	RANIE RVIS	325.0	APPLEYARD	309/0	308/0
BPI IND	298.0	RANIE ORG	675.0	ARCO	390/0	390/0
BR COMM	308.0	RCKITT+CO	825.0	APRICOT	111/0	111/0
BR AIRWAY	175.0	REDLAND	435/0	ARMSTRONG	150/0	151/0
BR AEROSP	374.0	REED	433/0	ANGLO D'S	393/0	393/0
BR GAS PP	137.0	RTY BK SC	362/0	AQUAS. A.	80/0	80/0
B.P.	253.0	RNC GRP	467/0	ASINLY L	125/0	125/0
B.P. NEW	62.0	REUTERS	542.0	ATTWOODS	310/0	310/0
BR TELCOM	249.0	R72 CORP	375.0	AUTO SEC	249/0	250/0
BRITOL	500.0	ROLLS ROY	136/0	AVIS EUR	319/0	320/0
BUNZL	175.0	ROTHMAN B	426.0	AVON RUBB	632/0	630/0
BURNAH OL	498.0	ROUNTRIE	453/4	BIAW INTL	62/0	62/0
BURTON	256.0	ROYAL INS	611/0	BAILL JAP	490/0	490/0
CABLE&WIRE	358.0	SAATCHI	432/0	BANKER IT	69/0	69/0
CADBURY'S	259.0	SAINSBURY	243.0	BANKROSE	213/0	213/0
COATS VY	258.0	SCOT+NEW	258.0	BARKER DO	149/0	149/0
CCW UNI	330.0	SEARS	131.0	BART DEV	199/0	198/0
CONS GOLD	845.0	SEDGEWICK	203/4	BEWILLM	167/0	168/0
COURTAULD	335.0	SHELL	965.0	BEJAM GP	180/0	180/0
DALGETY	301.0	SMITH+NEPH	143/0	BEIJAVEN	44/0	44/0
DEE CO	184.0	SMITH A	306/0	BELLWAY	225/0	225/0
DIXONS	192.0	STC	254/0	BEMROSE	213/0	213/0
ENG CHINA	415.0	STOREHSE	242/4	BENLOX HD	48/0	49/0
ENTER OIL	326.0	SUN ALLIA	931.0	BENNETT +F	34/0	35/0
FERRANTI	82.0	TARHAC	253.0	BENTALLS	193/0	193/0
FISONS	254.0	TATE&LYLE	835.0	BERGAFORD	307/0	309/0
GEN ACCID	915.0	TESCO	162/0	BERKELEY	295/0	295/0
GEN ELEC	157.0	THORN ENI	596/0	BIRLY HAY	25/4	26/0
FT 30 ORD	1462.8	TRAF ISE	333/0	BILCK LE 2	21/4	21/4
FT 500 SNR	0	1021.3	1021.3	BILLYARD	145/0	146/0
FT ALL SHR	0	939.34	928.76	BILLYARD	220/0	220/0
FT GOV SEC	0	90.26	90.41	BILLYARD	88.49	88.49
FT GOLD MN	0	239.7	241.8	BILLYARD	302.1	302.1
FT MINES F	0	447.97	437.65	BILLYARD	450.65	450.65
FT OIL	0	174.07	173.45	BILLYARD	1663.6	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	126.01	125.68	125.85	BILLYARD	115.04	115.04
FT WLD STG	0	105.39	105.32	BILLYARD	90.79	90.79
FT WLD LOC	0	112.31	112.40	BILLYARD	99.08	99.08

World Indices

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London Stock Market Report

UN EQUITIES EASE ON PROFIT-TAKING, EASIER WALL ST
LONDON, MARCH 7, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES DRIFTED LOWER THROUGHOUT THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW TWO-WEEK ACCOUNT PERIOD, WITH SOME INVESTORS TAKING PROFITS AFTER THE MARKET'S SIX PCT GAIN DURING THE LAST ACCOUNT, DEALERS SAID.
THE LOWER OPENING ON WALL STREET FUELLED THE DECLINE BUT SELLING WAS RELATIVELY LIGHT AND VOLUME WAS LOWER THAN AT THE TAIL END OF LAST WEEK. AT 1,813.1 AFTER AN OPENING OF 1,833.3 AND A DAY'S LOW OF 1,809.4 JUST EIGHT MINUTES AFTER THE U.S. OPENING, MANY LEADING ISSUES SHOWED LARGE FALLS AS THEY WERE TRADING IN EX-DIVIDEND FORM. AT 1500 GMT 302 MLN SHARES HAD BEEN TRADED.
IN SPITE OF TODAY'S LOWER TREND, DEALERS SAID MANY INVESTORS ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO SELL LARGE LINES OF STOCK AND OPTIMISM THAT THE MARCH 15 U.K. BUDGET WILL STIMULATE THE ECONOMY AND HELP SWELL U.K. MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE INDUSTRY PROFITS.
HOWEVER, THEY POINTED OUT THAT POTENTIAL BUYERS ARE BEING PUT OFF BY CONCERN OVER THE U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION AND THE MARKET'S SUSCEPTIBILITY TO ADVERSE OVERSEAS INFLUENCES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE U.S.
ONE DEALER SAID, "I DON'T EXPECT YOU'LL SEE MUCH OF A RISE IN SHARE PRICES THIS WEEK. MAYBE NEXT WEEK - IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE BUDGET."

London Gold

LONDON, MARCH 7, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED A FAIRLY LIGHT TRADING DAY STEADY ON A LATE BOUT OF PROFESSIONAL SHORTCOVERING AND FINISHED WITH A RANGE OF 437.00/437.50 DLRS AN OUNCE AND UP ONE DLR FROM FRIDAY'S LONDON CLOSE.
AN EASING DOLLAR HELPED TO LIFT THE METAL TO THE HIGH OF THE DAY, ALTHOUGH DEALINGS HAD BEEN KEPT TO A 3.50-DLR TRADING RANGE, DEALERS SAID.
FRIDAY'S LAST RALLY ON NIGHER THAN EXPECTED U.S. NON-FARM PAYROLL DATA DREW SOME LONG LIQUIDATION ON THE ADVANCE WHICH SPILLED OVER INTO EARLY TRADING TODAY. HOWEVER, GOLD FOUND SUPPORT AT AROUND 434 DLRS AND EDGED HIGHER AS SELLING DRIED UP.
MARKS COMPARED TO FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 2,997.5 MARKS.

London Money Market

LONDON, MARCH 7, REUTER - U.K. MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED AS MUCH AS 3/16 LOWER THAN FRIDAY'S LAST ON THE BACK OF A FIRM POUND BUT, AFTER AN INITIAL FLURRY, TRADING ACTIVITY WAS IN LINE WITH THE MARKET'S RECENTLY SUBDUED TONE, DEALERS SAID.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988

International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — France's Compagnie Financiere De Credit Industriel Et Commercial is issuing a 300 mln mark, 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-5/8, lead manager Morgan Stanley GMBH said. (RTWN 1144)

Istanbul — Turkey will issue a 300 mln mark, seven year 6.75 pct bond agreement on Thursday, Turkish Central Bank General Secretary Ercan Kumcu said. (RTZC 1537)

London — Sanwa Bank International Ltd said it is issuing, via a special purpose subsidiary named Flash VI Ltd, 33.2 mln dls in floating rate notes due March 16, 1993. (RTXI 1414)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/2 1/4	8-13/16 11/16	9-1/16 8-15/16
FFT 3-30/40	3-40/50	3-40/50
PAR 7-9/16 S/8	7-3/8 1/2	7-1/2 5/8
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	1-3/4 2
BRX 5.30	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
ROM 10-1/8 10-1/2	11-11-1/2	11-11-1/2
ANS 3-3/4 3-7/8	3-7/8 4.0	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOS 3.5625 6250	3.9375 4.0000	3.8125 8750
ECU 6.06 6.31	6.06 6.18	6.25 6.37

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	1 11/16	4 1/16
3 months	4 3/16	4 1/2
6 months	4 7/16	4 13/16
1 year	4 7/16	5 1/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	65	63.50	65	MICO	520	510	505
ACC- 146	143	140	GRASIM	31.50	31.50	31.50	MUKUND	79	78.50	78.50
ASIA PAINT 150	147.50	148.75	GSFC	87	85.50	85.50	NOCL	437.50	430	425.50
BAJAJ AUTO 412.50	416.25	415	HIND LEVER	68	68.50	68	PEICO	27	26.50	27
BARAYON- 165	160	160	HINDALCO	122.50	122	121	PFIZER	71	69.50	70
BONDING 132.50	128	123.50	HINDCOCO	78.75	77.50	80	PRAUTO	25.25	25	25
BR- 79.50	78.50	79	HINMOTOR	18.50	18	18.25	RAYMOND	47	46.50	47.50
BSE INDEX 398.98	407.66	407.66	IND ORG	18.50	19	17.50	RELIANCE	85	84	82
CENTURYSPEC 727.50	735	735	INDRAYON	50	49	49	SIEMENS	67	65	65
COLGATE- 192.50	193.75	192.50	INDROL	165	167.50	166.25	SPIC	29	27.50	27.75
DEEPEART- 29	28.50	28.50	ITC	32	32	31	STONWILL	230	225	220
EI-HOTEL 41	39	40	JKSYNTH	55.50	56	55	TATA PWR	187.50	185	188.50
ESKAYE 201.25	197.50	187.50	L AND T	79.50	79.50	78	TATACHEM	64	63	63
ESSAR 17.50	18	17.50	MANINDRA	55	53.50	55	TELCO	355	350	345
GAR. POLY. 80.50	79	78.50	MASTERSHR	9.12	9	9.12	TISCO	600	602.50	593.75
GE.SNIP. 23.25	23.25	22.85	MATHER PL	97	96	96	VOLTAS	255	250	250

FRANCFORT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG- 231.5	225.0	225.0	AKAI HOMOTOMO	3360	3340	MITSUBI CP	1260	1270	AKI ELEC	529	539
ALLIANZ VR 1378.0	1386.0	1386.0	AKOI	1000	990	MITSUBI EST	661	664	ASANI GAS	1920	1940
BADENWERK 178.0	183.5	183.5	ASAHII OPT	395	598	MITSUBI HVY	657	651	ASAHII	1388	1360
BAASF- 242.0	242.5	242.5	BANK TOKYO	1510	1520	MITSU CO	778	784	BANK TOKYO	1510	1520
BAUER 262.3	265.5	265.5	BRIDGESTON	1410	1410	MITSUKOSHI	1560	1560	BRIDGESTON	1410	1410
BAUER HYP 357.0	352.0	352.0	CASIO COMP	1330	1320	MITSUMI EL	1270	1270	CASIO COMP	1330	1320
BAUER VER 357.5	346.0	346.0	CHUGAI MMG	0	0	MITSUMI CHNT	873	868	CHUGAI MMG	643	640
BBC 307.5	311.0	311.0	CITIZEN W	643	640	MIP ELEC	2140	2100	CITIZEN W	643	640
BHF 338.0	328.0	328.0	D-1CHI KAN	3210	3210	MIP OIL	1240	1230	D-1CHI KAN	3210	3210
CHENIE-VER 0	120.0	120.0	DAT NIP IK	803	795	MIP STEEL	441	443	DAT NIP IK	803	795
COMMERZB 231.5	227.5	227.5	DAT NIP PT	2580	2570	MIP YUSEN	587	593	DAT NIP PT	2580	2570
CONTI GMM 235.5	234.7	234.7	DAT NIP SC	972	973	MIS MOTOR	905	905	DAT NIP SC	972	973
DAIMER BEN 694.0	694.0	694.0	DAT NIP TO	685	680	MOMURA SEC	3910	3930	DAT NIP TO	685	680
DEUTSC BHK 428.0	426.8	426.8	DAISEL	905	905	ONBA CO	990	1000	DAISEL	905	905
DLM- 327.0	323.0	323.0	DINAMI	1900	1900	OLYMPUS	1160	1140	DINAMI	1900	1900
DRESDNER- 248.5	246.8	246.8	DITTO	270	2710	PIONEER	3300	3190	DITTO	270	2710
DTB BABDOOK 156.50	153.5	153.5	EBRA MFG	870	860	RENEWN	840	844	EBRA MFG	870	860
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	EISAI	2690	2530	RICOH	1270	1260	EISAI	2690	2530
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	FUJITSU	1540	1530	SAKYO	2230	2240	FUJITSU	1540	1530
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	FUJI BANK	3470	3470	SANYO ELEC	530	528	FUJI BANK	3470	3470
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	FUJI PHOTO	4300	4210	SEIYU ST	2530	2550	FUJI PHOTO	4300	4210
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	FUJISAMA	2090	2070	SEKISUI PB	1910	1940	FUJISAMA	740	730
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	FUJITI CP	740	730	SHARP	1020	1010	FUJITI CP	740	730
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	NITACHI	1388	1360	SHISEIDO	1700	1730	NITACHI	1388	1360
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	HONDA MOT	1640	1590	SONY	5270	5160	HONDA MOT	1640	1590
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	SUMITOMO	1110	1120	TOKYO MRN	2090	2100	SUMITOMO	1110	1120
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	TOKYO ELEC	1960	1960	TOKYO GAS	1180	1170	TOKYO ELEC	1960	1960
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	KAWASAKI N	342	338	TOKYO POWR	5950	6000	KAWASAKI N	342	338
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	KAWASAKI 5	381	385	TOKYO IND	806	801	KAWASAKI 5	381	385
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	KIRIN BREW	2380	2390	TOSHIBA EL	750	753	KIRIN BREW	2380	2390
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	KONMITSU	638	630	TOTO	2320	2350	KONMITSU	638	630
EWI INDEX 456.44	457.64	457.64	KUBATO LTD	704	703	TOYO KOGYO	451	455	KUBATO LTD	704</td	

Stock markets mixed

Sterling soars and dollar steady

LONDON, March 7. (Reuters): Britain's pound sterling soared today as currency traders, unsure whether to buy or sell dollars, decided to park funds in relatively high interest rate British bank accounts.

Stock markets were mixed. Wall Street shares opened with the Dow Jones industrial average down 1.16 points at 2,056.70. Jumped

Oil prices, meanwhile, fell back to around the 16-month traded lows seen in Europe last week following renewed concern of fresh discounts being offered by some members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Widely traded British North Sea Brent crude, for March delivery was being quoted at just above \$13.75 a barrel in mid-afternoon.

On currency markets, the pound jumped to more than 3.04 marks and almost \$1.81 despite further intervention today by the

Bank of England, which sold the British currency last week in a bid to keep its value below three West German marks. The pound had closed on Friday at 2.986 marks and \$1.77.

The market is now saying "let's see where the new top is," a London dealer said.

The dollar itself eased to trade just above 1.68 marks and 128 Japanese yen by mid-afternoon. It had closed on Friday at 1.6890 marks and 128.70 yen.

The price of gold was fixed in London this morning at \$436 an ounce, up \$7.55.

Prospects

With few clear signals on which market to play and which view to take on global economic prospects, the high interest rates paid on British bank deposits and bonds are looking attractive, dealers said.

But the money pouring in, by pushing up the pound, risks pricing

British goods off foreign markets.

By mid-afternoon, London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares had dropped more than one per cent to just below 1,810. It had closed on Friday at 1,814.5.

Many investors seemed unsure about whether the US economy was growing quickly enough to make investments there attractive — or whether it was growing so fast as to risk inflation.

Some gold traders apparently thought so — that, dealers said, was why gold was up so sharply today.

Consumers

And traders in currencies and shares also worried that US consumers were still spending too much on imports. That was bad news for the dollar, even if it suggested that European and Asian firms did not have to worry so much about losing sales

in the United States. But investors were not yet reassured, dealers said.

In Frankfurt, the 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index closed 1.91 points higher at 292.59, the All-Share Swiss index rose 3.6 points to 854.1 and Madrid's key index ended at a 1988 high of 266.73, up 3.36 points.

Pressure

But other markets were under pressure. Amsterdam's CBS All-Share index was down 0.2 points to 80.1, while Milan's Mib index shed 0.4 per cent and the Paris Bourse indicator closed 0.74 per cent lower.

In Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index eased 10.99 points to 23,658.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 1.98 to 2,470.40 and Singapore shares eased while Sydney's all-ordinaries index rose 25.6 points to 1,324.1.

Goodison to step down at year-end

LONDON, March 7. (Reuters): Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the London Stock Exchange for the past 12 years, said today he would quit his job at the end of this year to head a leading British banking group.

The exchange said Goodison, 54, would join the board of the TSB Group Plc in April and would become its chairman on January 1, 1989.

"I am now happy to move on to pastures new," Goodison said.

"I have been chairman during a period of great innovation and change and now feel that the structure for the future has been built," he said.

Dealers

His departure surprised many share dealers and analysts who said there was no obvious successor to the man who steered the exchange through the sweeping reforms of the "Big Bang", which in 1986 opened the business of dealing in shares to banks and so set off an era of white hot competition on the market.

Goodison became a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1962, having joined the family stockbroking firm H. E. Goodison in 1958. He became LSE chairman in 1976.

On taking office, Goodison was immediately faced with the then Labour government's plans to reform the exchange, setting in motion changes that eventually culminated in the Big Bang.

Goodison takes over at TSB — formerly the Trustee Savings Bank — from Sir John Read, who had led the group since 1980 and piloted it through a controversial stock market flotation in 1986.

Now, before the rebates are paid, traders have to claim a percentage of the value of the goods exported and demonstrate the foreign currency earned.

January's sweeping liberalisation of the import regime left only 33 items on the list requiring prior approval. They include drugs and ammunition.

The maximum customs duty is now 50 per cent, with the higher rates levied on luxury consumer goods and as protection for fledgling industries. "This is open protectionism," says Kilic, "compared with the quota system in the US."

Under a programme to facilitate inter-Arab trade, AMF is extending loans to member countries.

The agreement was signed in Abu Dhabi by AMF director general Dr Abdulla Al Quwaiz and Jordanian Minister of Finance Hana Awdah.

Halifax moves into Jersey

New international account launched

HALIFAX Building Society has opened a branch office in St Helier, Jersey in response to strong demand from its overseas customers for an international base for their investments.

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Contact

The minimum investment in the Halifax Deposit International is £1,000 and it is only available to individuals who are not ordinarily resident in the UK.

Existing non-resident investors with the Halifax wishing to keep their current arrangements may do so, or even hold a Halifax

Deposit International account in Jersey and retain other gross interest accounts at UK branches.

The Jersey operation will be managed by John Panter, formerly director and general manager of Westpac (CI) Ltd — one of Westpac Banking Corporation's Jersey subsidiaries. The office will act exclusively as the point of contact for Halifax investors world-wide, and will not therefore have a "high street" presence.

Mike Farnsides, general manager marketing, explains that:

"This new development means that we are able to offer our non-resident clients even greater choice, combined with the high degree of safety and security synonymous with a Halifax investment."

India and Algeria sign trade pact

NEW DELHI, March 7. (Xinhua): India and Algeria have signed a protocol for wide ranging cooperation in the field of trading, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petrochemicals and fertilisers, local press reported yesterday.

Under the agreement signed on Saturday, they also agreed to collaborate in research and development and transfer of technology, and explore the possibilities of exchange of expertise and manpower in the fields concerned.

The two sides will evaluate specific joint venture proposals so as to reach "proper decisions" by the end of this year.

Both sides agreed on the need for Algeria to strengthen its own engineering capabilities in order to achieve its development programme.

In this respect they agreed to set up joint engineering organizations in the fields that were identified for industrial cooperation.

Technicians

The two sides agreed to start a training programme for the Algerian technicians and engineers in the petrochemical engineering to be conducted by Engineers India Limited.

India will also assist Algeria in setting up a technical plastic application centre.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 7.3.88

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Seafar	Aligh Barber	4842988
4	Wu Jiang	Mohd Bahar	2433881
8	Shama	ISA	2441860
9	UCO 17	Sagership	2432692
11	Kailash	Al Qutub	4747815
14	Faithulkhair	KSA	4843150
17	Puma	Al Bader	2433537

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
7/3	Zarka	Al Qutub	4747815
7/3	Kontrol Everett	ISA	2441860
7/3	Nikolay Shchukin	Al Rasheed	2422026

8/3 Kara Koram Transcont

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Caly	Mohd Bahar	2433881
12	Barbara Morgan	Al Bader	2433537
15	Grace Liberty	A Kamal	2425437

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
7/3	Sunderbans	Al Majid	2421439
7/3	Sunset	Roger	2423642
9/3	Danakos	Mohd Bahar	2433881
11/3	Grace Liberty	A Kamal	2425437
11/3	Willine Orient	Aligh Barber	4842988
11/3	Materlinck	Al Rasheed	2422026
12/3	Barzan	UASC	4843150
15/3	Kashima	ISA	2441860
18/3	Qatari Ibn Al Fujaya	UASC	4843150
20/3	Ville du Havre	Al Rasheed	2422026
20/3	Ahu Basma	Roger	2423642
20/3	New Oasis	A S Marafie	4848665
22/3	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
26/3	Al Ihsaa	"	"

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AMF loan for Jordan

ABU DHABI, Mar 7. (Opecna):

Jordan will receive \$8 million loan from the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) to boost its trade with Arab states.

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The agreement was signed in Abu Dhabi by AMF director general Dr Abdulla Al Quwaiz and Jordanian Minister of Finance Hana Awdah.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

gains. The Hang Seng index ended 1.98 points lower at 2,470.40.

SINGAPORE: The market closed lower across the board on bouts of profit-taking after recent gains in lacklustre trading.

The Straits Times industrial index fell 4.86 to 915.74.

BOMBAY: Prices weakened, with continuing curbs on for-

ward purchases and sales depressing sentiment. Tata Steel fell 6.25 rupees to 593.75.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended a quiet bourse mostly firmer, helped by technical support and continuing favourable sentiment. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, rose five to 1,393.7.

NEW YORK: Stocks were mixed at the opening bell.</

A plea for tolerance in art

By Michael Stott

COLOGNE, West Germany, (Reuter): Peter Ludwig, Germany's foremost art patron, is an unlikely hate figure.

A tall smiling man who earned his fortune from a chocolate empire, Ludwig has showered money, gifts and loans on 27 museums in West and East Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He won wide respect for his early backing of contemporary artists like Andy Warhol, Joseph Beuys and Anselm Kiefer.

But trouble began in the early 1980s when Ludwig started touring East Germany and the Soviet Union, buying up hundreds of paintings by officially-approved artists, saying there was nothing wrong with state art.

And when he said Nazi art should be brought out of the museum vaults where it now lies and put on public display, the trickle of discontent turned into a flood of abuse.

Commentator Klaus Staack, writing in the weekly *Die Zeit* in 1986, was alarmed by Ludwig's engagement in cultural politics.

"It is not just a question of the vanity bonus implicit in art, to which the Ludwig family have a claim. What we are seeing is an increasingly strong—and totally undemocratic—demand for power in the wider cultural sphere," he wrote. "Ludwig's demand for the inclusion of Nazi art in our museums is only the latest example of a series of such outrageous propositions".

Ludwig's commission to Arno Breker, one of Hitler's favourite artists, to sculpt a bust of him and his wife was the last straw for critics...

"He not only throws doubt on his own understanding of art, but also indirectly compromises his colleagues when he stoops to do business with the dreary Nazi beneficiary Arno Breker," Der Spiegel Magazine wrote.

Ludwig has now been accused of dictating German artistic taste, of Nazi sympathies, and even of fawning over communist East bloc leaders to boost his company's chocolate sales there—allegations he vigorously rejects.

"The basis of mine and my wife's collection is to close gaps in understanding," Ludwig, 62, said during an interview at the Cologne museum that bears his name.

"We don't want to rape visitors with our opinions. We just want everyone to have the chance to make up their own mind."

Ludwig's love of art was inherited from his parents in the family home at Koblenz on the River Rhine. While studying art history at Mainz University, he married fellow student Irena Monheim. Buoyed by the revenues of the Ludwig chocolate concern, they began to collect.

Their first purchases were conservative: ancient pottery, illuminated manuscripts, pre-Columbian figures, and porcelain. Then, in the 1960s, they travelled to New York and "discovered" the nascent pop art movement.

Ludwig's early hacking for pop art and subsequent championing of contemporary German art won him a good deal of critical respect. But he is equally

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proud of his later enthusiasm for art behind the Iron Curtain.

It was ridiculous, he said, that no Western museum showed a proper selection of Eastern bloc art.

The idea that state art is in itself inadmissible is quite absurd—if that were the case, then you could forget most of art history," he growled, thumping his desk.

Ludwig pointed to the enormous Florid Gothic structure of Cologne cathedral, towering up behind his showpiece museum.

"We have only had free art since the middle of the last century," he said. "This cathedral was not built by free artists but by the Catholic church."

"Not showing official communist art is a type of censorship—the opposite of what I understand by a free society."

Ludwig's large-scale purchases of official East Bloc art also drew critical fire.

Sacked

Karl Ruhrberg, sacked as director of the Cologne Ludwig museum in 1984, said that towards the end of his period of office: "I often wept when I thought what sort of quality works one could have got for the price of some of Ludwig's mass purchases."

Ludwig's attitude towards art from the Nazi period—still considered unacceptable for public display in West Germany—is equally straightforward.

"The whole concept of Nazi art is absurd," he insisted. "Hitler only ruled in Germany

for 12 years and six years of that was war. He couldn't have created any new art in that time... there just weren't artists who could be trained to his ideas in such a short time."

What the Nazis did do, he added, was to choose from the art of that period works they thought came closest to their ideas.

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Treasures of Topkapi on show in the UK

Ottoman opulence

By Robin Simon

THE name of Suleyman, who masterminded the staggering expansion of the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century, still sends shivers down the spines of people in the West.

But, according to Michael Rogers, the British Museum's Keeper of Oriental Antiquities, he was "no more unpleasant than his European contemporaries who included such cultivated thugs as Henry VIII."

"If you are going to be moral about it, Henry VIII and Francois I were far worse than Suleyman," says Dr Rogers. "I hope this exhibition will show that the Ottoman Court was the equal of anything in Italy, France or Britain at the time."

It does that effortlessly, although it still seems chillingly appropriate that one of the first things you see is Suleyman's own sword. It is set with ivory, gold, rubies and turquoise, and decorated with intricate gilded animals and foliage.

"War was rather like going shooting today. The occupation of a gentleman. And Suleyman combined his campaigns with a lot of hunting. He often left his Vizier to carry on with the main campaign," says Dr Rogers.

The sword is just one of the many treasures on loan from the legendary Topkapi Museum in Istanbul, which have never been seen before in

Britain. There are jewelled writing boxes, helmets, silk-covered wicker and steel shields, a huge campaign throne, illuminated manuscripts by the greatest artists and calligraphers, richly-coloured ceramics, book-bindings—everywhere jewels, gold, rock crystal, ivory and more jewels.

The Topkapi collection is probably the greatest court collection surviving intact, and some of the most astonishing things are the superb clothes on view. Textiles are notoriously fragile, but the silk kaftans in this exhibition look as fresh as the day they were made four-and-a-half centuries ago.

The reason is a curious one, according to Dr Rogers: "When someone died, his clothes were rolled up and put away—they were always kept in cupboards, and relative humidity remained constant. They survive to a degree unknown to the West."

He was a law-giver and consummate administrator. Trained as a goldsmith, some 2,500 poems said to be by him also survive, of which he actually wrote about half himself.

The exhibition reflects all the many aspects of Suleyman's unimaginably extravagant world. And it is full of reminders of how uncertain life at the top could be.

Where Henry VIII had wives, Suleyman had sons—an interesting irony. And especially tricky since national interests demanded the elimination of superfluous heirs.

'Perestroika, glasnost' selling well

Free enterprise thrives in Moscow's art market

By Susan Smith

MOSCOW, (Reuter): You can buy anything from oil paintings to buttons saying "perestroika"—yes, at Moscow's outdoor art market, where the snowy paths are as crowded as a Western department store during a clearance sale.

Every weekend, scores of salespeople at Izmailovo park on the outskirts of Moscow offer paintings, wood carvings and lacquered boxes, as well as cheap jewellery, plastic puppets, candles, tea cosies, knitted mittens and elastic headbands.

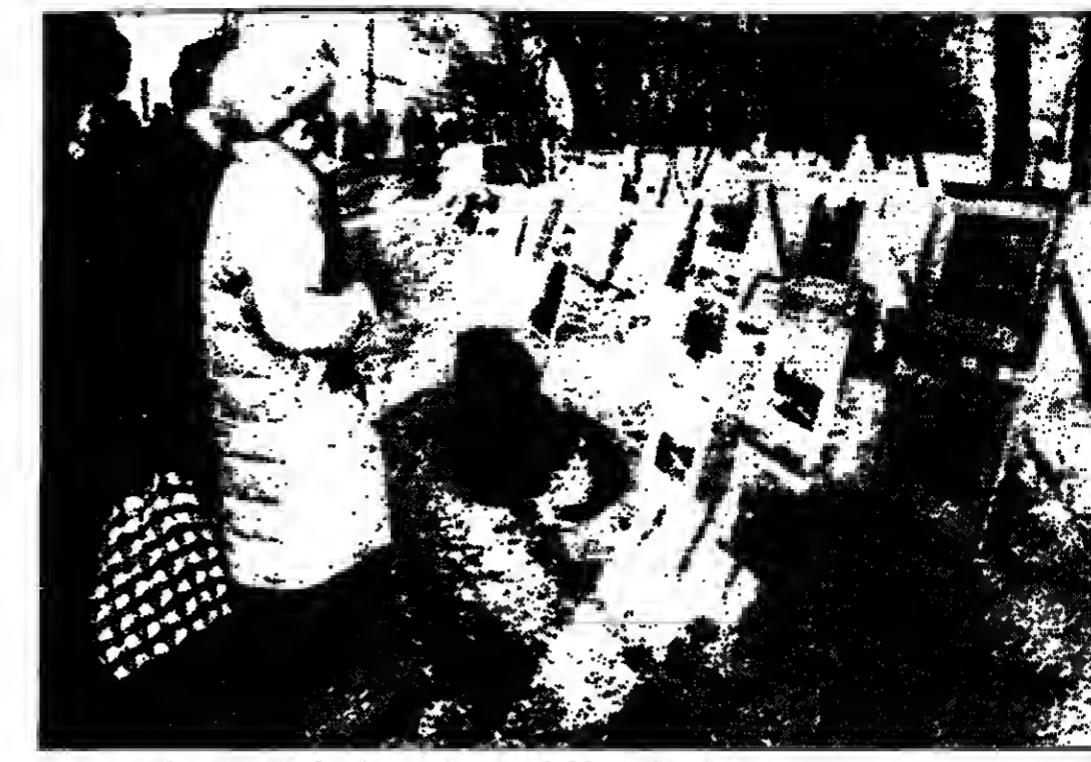
"Everybody should have one of these," harked one of the men with a fistful of "perestroika" buttons in one hand and a fistful of roubles in the other.

The buttons, selling for one rouble (1.60 dollars) each, refer to the catchword for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reforms.

Juice glasses with the words "glasnost" (openness) and "perestroika" engraved on them were also selling well.

The sellers set up tables along icy paths in the park, and prices are often written in the snow. Blaring radios and food vendors selling pork on skewers and sugary pastries create almost a carnival atmosphere for the thousands of Muscovites who flock to the park, even in sub-zero temperatures.

Every has loved Vysotsky for years but the immediate reason for the souvenir-selling is the recent 50th anniversary of his birth and official recognition of



Buyers look for bargains in freezing

temperatures in Moscow's outdoor market.

his contribution to Soviet culture.

His records may still be difficult to buy in the stores but the arts and crafts salesmen at Izmailovo have been able to capitalise on a trend nonetheless.

The art market, not yet a year old, has developed into a trendy outdoor souvenir and gift shop.

It opened at Izmailovo park last spring with the official bles-

sing of authorities. The market's activities were further encouraged by a change in the laws allowing a limited degree of free enterprise.

Past art markets have operated illegally and have been closed by bulldozers that smashed paintings into the ground.

In line with yet another Gorbachev crusade, the anti-alcohol campaign, one man on a

recent Saturday was selling breadboards with pictures of ugly red-nosed drunks painted on them.

Political dissidents also sell art at the fair. One Moscow artist, Alexander Kalugin, goes to the market on Sundays to sell etchings to benefit two dissident magazines, *Glasnost* and *Express Khrushchev*.

His tortured etchings recall life in a mental hospital where he was incarcerated.

More common than political themes are religious themes, which until recently were almost as taboo. Traditional religious artwork—paintings of monasteries and saints—sell alongside trendy items.

One old Russian handicraft—wooden "matryoshka" (little mother) dolls—sells at Izmailovo for two and three times the price of those at official shops.

"But these are much nicer than the ones in the stores," said Shana, one doll seller, pointing to the elaborate clothing and jewels painted on one doll going for 140 roubles (234 dollars).

Shana said she and a group of friends make the dolls in their spare time, then take turns selling them at the market.

They started the project after the law allowing individual enterprise went into effect last May. The only disadvantage, Shana says, is that their profits are taxed.

In future he would be poised rather uncomfortably at times—somewhere between the artist and the artisan. Leach formulated the idea of the artist-craftsman. Most importantly, he established the existence of this strange being simply by being one himself.

Colleagues, pupils and other contemporaries, William Staithe Murray, Michael Cardew and Katherine Pleydell-Bouverie, did the same and produced work as good, and in some cases better than Leach's. But it was he who led the intellectual battle, travelling, writing, lecturing and creating in an energetic pursuit of his idea, until it became a reality.

In "Beyond East and West," a collection of essays and memoirs, Leach recalls with characteristic understatement the time he took the first crucial step that determined his future course. After a brief period as a banker, conforming to his father's wishes, he resumed his art school studies. In 1909 he was learning etching with Frank Brangwyn and records simply: "He tells me to go to nature—I go to Japan."

The influence of the Orient, a craft-based society whose philosophy was as attractive to him as its aesthetics, provided the support needed to secure the precarious position of the artist-craftsman. His long career saw the steady, if not always easy, consolidation of that role. A colossus astride East and West, he became a dominating force in ceramics.



Born 100 years ago, when the idea of the artist-craftsman was being formulated, Bernard Leach stands out as the creator of what is known as "new ceramics". He died eight years ago but his innovations continue to inspire a new generation.

By Rosemary Hill

THE worldwide influence of Bernard Leach, the British craftsman, in creating what is now known as the "new ceramics", has been considerable over the past century. In Britain it has been all important within the demanding field of pottery design.

But like all those who come to embody a particular movement or period, Leach, who was born 100 years ago, had luck as well as genius. His long life coincided historically with a time when pottery, and indeed all the crafts, were searching for a new direction. He died only eight years ago, living into an era that could hardly have been more different from his boyhood days.

In 1887, industrialisation had made many craft skills redundant and those that remained were dwindling. William Morris was 53 in that year and far advanced in his campaign to revive the

medieval respect for hand-work. His company was producing textiles, furniture and wallpaper of great originality and beauty and the Martin brothers were making their strange distinctive pots. If the idea of the artist-craftsman as we know it today was not yet born, it was conceived.

Renaissance

But for Morris it was beset by contradictions. The fact that the artist-craftsman had to be, in effect, a gentleman craftsman and that work produced by hand in an industrial society was beyond the financial means of the majority, went against his principles. The guilds of the Middle Ages could never really be recreated. His was a vision of the future based too closely on the past, a view that was defeated, on a practical level, by the problems of class.

Leach was a less complicated man than Morris, but his genius was to grasp a single idea at a remarkably early age and to pursue it singlemindedly for the rest of his life.

He saw that what the Renaissance had done for the artist, the Industrial Revolution had done for the craftsman. It had

pushed him from the position of a tradesman into a privileged role where he was valued for his individual creativity as well as his practical skill.

Hammering priceless Leonardo into shape

By Knut Pries

LONDON, (Reuter): Eric Harding may use a sledgehammer before embarking on the trickiest job of his career as one of Britain's top restoration experts.

Before laying hands on a priceless Leonardo Da Vinci drawing damaged in a shotgun attack last summer, the head of the British Museum's paper restoration department hopes to obtain important information through a test with the 14-pound (5.7-kg) hammer.

"Exactly how we will proceed can only be decided while work is in progress. But we can simulate the damage by sticking a piece of paper from that period onto a similar canvas and giving it a blow," Harding said before starting work on the project at London's national Gallery in January.

The charcoal and chalk drawing, completed around 1500, depicts the Virgin Mary and Child together with St Anne and John the Baptist. It is one of the jewels of the national gallery.

After being attacked with an ink bottle by a German painter in 1962 it was put on display in its own chamber behind laminated bullet-proof glass.

When 37-year-old ex-soldier Robert Cambridge chose to demonstrate his misgivings about British society last July

"In a painting, you have several strata, which can be removed one by one. With a drawing, whatever is put on top goes into the paper and cannot be taken off in layers," Wyld explained.

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SPORTS

Scott and Worthy take Lakers past Mavericks

DALLAS, March 7, (AP): Byron Scott scored 28 points to lead the Los Angeles Lakers in scoring for the fourth consecutive game as they snapped Dallas' 11-game winning streak yesterday with a 108-97 victory over the Mavericks.

James Worthy scored 23, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 20, and Magic Johnson had his eighth triple double of the season with 14 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds.

Mark Aguirre led Dallas with 27 points, Derek Harper scored 15, and Rolando Blackman added 14.

The defending world champion, who have the best record in the NBA at 47-10, took Dallas out of the game early behind Scott's shooting.

76ers 105, Pacers 100.

Albert King made four free throws in the final 13 seconds as Philadelphia defeated Indiana 105-100, snapping their NBA road losing streak at 20 games.

The 76ers, who last won on the road on Dec 23, got a 29-point, 16-rebound performance from Charles Barkley before he fouled out with 1:39 left and Philadelphia protecting a 99-93 advantage.

Indiana's John Long hit what he thought was a 3-pointer, but his foot was inside the line and the Pacers trailed 101-100 with 17 seconds left.

King, who had 10 of his 14 points in the second half, then sank two free throws with 13 seconds remaining and two more with three seconds left.

Celtics 127, Cavaliers 98.

Danny Ainge scored 12 of his 21 points in the third period to lead Boston over Cleveland 127-98 as the Cavaliers suffered their 34th consecutive loss at Boston Garden since 1978.

The Celtics lost two starters during the first period. Centre Robert Parish suffered muscle spasms in his lower back just 10 minutes into the game and never returned.

Larry Bird was hit on the left eye by a Dell Curry elbow with 16 seconds left in the opening, and headed to the Celtics' dressing room after finishing the quarter.

Platoffs 100, Bucks 99.

Bill Laimbeer scored 22 points and Adrian Dantley had nine of his 14 in the fourth quarter as the Detroit Pistons beat the Milwaukee Bucks 109-99.

Milwaukee's John Lucas sank a 3-point basket to tie the game 85-85 with 8:32 left, but Dantley later made a three-point play to start a 16-8 run that gave the Pistons a 105-95 lead with 1:27 left.

Dennis Rodman scored four of his 20 points during the streak. Rodman also had 11 rebounds.

Isiah Thomas added 19 points and 10 assists for Detroit, while Ricky Pierce had 21 points and Jack Sikma 18 for Milwaukee.

The Bucks led 32-24 lead with nine minutes left in the second quarter, but Thomas scored 12 points in the period, including a basket at the buzzer, to give the Pistons a 50-48 halftime edge.

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Nunn doubtful for Olympics

ADÉLAÏDE, March 7, (Reuter): Glynis Nunn, who took the gold medal in the women's heptathlon at the Los Angeles Olympic games, looks set to miss the Seoul Olympics after suffering back and neck injuries in a car crash.

The Australian's coach John Daly told one of his journalists Nunn had been forced to stop training since the crash two weeks ago when she suffered severe bruising around her spine and neck.

"The accident has had a disastrous effect on her because before we were confident about her making Seoul. She's very depressed about the whole thing," Daly said.

Nunn has dropped the seven-event heptathlon in favour of the 400-metres hurdles. Daly said today a final decision on whether would try for selection in the hurdles would be made after a private time trial on Sunday.

Bianchi said several players were affected by flu. "It's just a

SANCHEZ PUTS UP A FIGHT IN THE FINAL

Becker wins Champions Cup



Becker returns a serve in the third set. (Reuter wirephoto)

INDIAN WELLS, California, March 7, (UPI): Boris Becker of West Germany successfully defended his crown yesterday in the \$702,500 Newsweek Champions Cup, defeating Emilio Sanchez of Spain, 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, in a match played in 104-degree (40C) heat.

For the third-seeded Becker, it was his first victory since winning the Queen's Cup last June. He received \$136,700 while Sanchez, the No. 8 seed, earned his richest paycheck ever, \$68,350.

Effective

Sanchez, who previously upset second seed Miloslav Mečir of Czechoslovakia and No. 4 Pat Cash of Australia, took 3-1 leads in the first two sets. But Becker rallied each time, using a booming serve and an effective volley game.

Sanchez, 22, captured the third set, but Becker recorded the pivotal break in the ninth game of the fourth set, after trailing 40-0, to go ahead 5-4. He then closed out the grueling three-hour match when Sanchez netted a running backhand.

Becker, who had six aces and eight double-faults, won despite committing 37 unforced errors to only 12 for Sanchez. The match was played before a capacity

crowd of 10,500 at the Grand Champions resort, located in the desert about 20 miles east of Palm Springs.

"It was very hot out there," said Becker. "I had to ice my head and my knees at every change. If I didn't, I would have fallen down."

Becker, ranked sixth in the world, dropped just two sets in the tournament in beating John Fitzgerald, Johan Kriek, No. 7 seed Andre Agassi and Sanchez.

"In the end my serve was the key," Becker said. "I realize I could serve big on the important points. In the first two sets it wasn't my legs that were tired, it was mental. In the third set I was quite tired, but in the fourth I really pushed myself. I pushed everything I had into it."

Sanchez, ranked 18th in the world, said he entered the match not expecting to win.

"I think the mistake for me was mentally," Sanchez said. "I should think I could beat him, then win the match. I think today I played the kind of match that I have to beat him. But when I broke him in the first two sets, I didn't realize I could beat him, so I was not so eager to beat him. But I never expected to be in the finals."



Maleeva: was given a tough time

Maleeva overcomes Hanika for crown

WICHITA, Kan., March 7, (Reuter): Top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria took advantage of Sylvia Hanika's predictable serve yesterday to win a tough battle from the third-seeded West German in the final of the \$100,000 Kansas tennis tournament.

Maleeva's 7-6 7-5 victory gave the top seed her first title of 1988 and kept her record against Hanika perfect. Maleeva, who is now 4-0 against the West German, collected \$17,000 for the win. Hanika earned \$8,500.

Maleeva turned an otherwise even match in her favour at 6-5 in the tiebreak when she ripped a forehand service return down the right side past Hanika to take the opening set.

Maleeva said she expected that

serve to come down the middle.

"I thought she might go to my forehand because she served a lot to my backhand and I thought she might want to try something else."

"For me it was not difficult today to tell where her serve was going by the toss of the ball," said Maleeva. "I knew almost every time where the ball was going."

Hanika thought the second set hinged on calls that went against her.

"I hit a couple of big aces and they called them out. I mean, I could have been 4-2 up in the second set," complained Hanika.

Hanika had trouble finding her rhythm after the questionable calls and lost her serve in the 12th and final game on unforced errors.

Mondragon sets record in winning marathon

LOS ANGELES, March 7, (IAP): Martin Mondragon of Mexico broke away in the last mile to win the third annual Los Angeles marathon yesterday in a record-shattering time of 2 hours, 10 minutes and 19 seconds.

Mondragon, competing as part of Mexico's Olympic trials, had set the pace since the 10th when Daniel hopped and King hopped to pull-back to within one stroke.

"It was not until the last two holes that I realized that I was in the tournament again," said King. "I feel bad for Beth because she really played well this week."

On the par-five 18th, King left herself with a 35-foot putt for eagle and Daniel had to decide whether to go for it in two or lay up.

"It was really Betsy's call," said Daniel. "I was going to do whatever she was going to do," she said.

Daniel hit her three-wood hoping to make it in two, but her fourth shot was an excellent eight-iron 12-feet from the hole.

King two-putted for a birdie, but Daniel just missed her putt. "I really thought I had made it," said a disappointed Daniel.

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Bahrain win

BAHRAIN beat Oman 2-0 yesterday in the 9th Gulf Football Championship being currently held in Saudi Arabia. Both the goals were scored in 2nd half. This evening Qatar meet United Arab Emirates while Kuwait take on Iraq.

Polish climber

ISLAMABAD, March 7, (Reuter): A Polish climber has made the first winter ascent of Broad Peak, an 8,048-metre mountain in Kashmir, an expedition spokeswoman said today. Maciej Berbeka, 33, from Zawopane near Krakow, reached the summit alone yesterday.

Stiff opposition

LONDON, March 7, (Reuter): Boris Becker, Wimbledon champion in 1985 and 1986, will face stiff opposition when he defends his London grasscourt tennis title here in June. Already ranged against him are current Wimbledon champion Pat Cash from Australia, Sweden's world number three Stefan Edberg, and former winners Jimmy Connors and Tim Mayotte from the United States.

Rugby match

LONDON, March 7, (Reuter): England will field the side that finished the match in Scotland on Saturday when they complete their Five Nations Rugby Union programme against Ireland at Twickenham on March 19.

Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS. March 7, (UPI): Mario Andretti and Bobby Rahal have been entered for the 1988 Indianapolis 500, joining Johnny Rutherford for the list of former winners entered for the 72nd annual race.

American Cup

FAIRFAX, Virginia, March 7, (UPI): Phoebe Mills and Romanian Marius Toba won the all-round titles yesterday at the McDonald's American Cup, the last major international gymnastics competition before the 1988 Summer Olympics.

Top boxer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, March 7, (AP): Urine samples taken immediately after Bernardo Pinango of Venezuela won the World Boxing Association super bantamweight title tested positive for cocaine, an official confirmed yesterday.

Boat race

LONDON, March 7, (UPI): Oxford University, bidding for their 12th win in 13 boat races, named six members of the crew which upset Cambridge last year for the 1988 confrontation on April 2.

English players

LONDON, March 7, (UPI): Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough has called on his fellow soccer managers to fight to stop an exodus of English soccer's top players to foreign clubs.

England-New Zealand Test abandoned

Pitches, weather blamed for drawn series

WELLINGTON, March 7, (Reuter): Slow, low pitches and one of the worst summers on record, rather than tactics, were blamed for the drawn three-Test series between England and New Zealand.

This is the first time in 22 years that a series in New Zealand has produced no result. The last time was in 1965/66, also against England.

The series fizzled out today when the third Test was abandoned because of heavy rain and strong winds without a ball being bowled on the final two days.

Stone

All indications pointed to a draw even if the sun had shone. Only nine wickets fell in the first three days and England were only about one-third of the way into their first innings in reply to New Zealand's 312 for six declared.

As with the other two games of the series, New Zealand's run rate rarely rose above two per over.

Only in Wellington did reasonable crowds turn up to watch compared with previous years. They had already been denied the excitement of Richard Hadlee's effort to break the Test wicket record because the great bowler was injured in the first Test.

New Zealand Cricket Council chairman Bob Vance admitted to concern about the lack of crowd support and financial reward for the council.

Bob team managers, New Zealand's Glyn Alabaster and

FIRST AND SECOND XV CLINCH KO CUPS

Nomads make Gulf rugby history

KUWAIT Nomads made Gulf rugby history on Friday at the Fintas Park, becoming the first club to win both the 1st and 2nd XV KO Cup competitions in the same season.

For the 1st XV, it was their first ever success in the competition, and victory was all the sweeter for being against their closest rivals in all competitions this season, Dubai Exiles.

The match was not a classic of open rugby, but the committed supporters of both sides were never bored, as the Nomads did not make the game safe until late in the second half. It is fast becoming a Nomads 1st XV trait that they give their opponents a head start, and Friday was no exception, a Richard Ferris penalty giving Dubai an early 3-0 lead.

Penalty

Graham Adams missed a couple of long range chances, but eventually put over the equalising penalty, only for Ferris to reply almost immediately.

Adams then ensured that Kuwait went into the break on level terms with another well hit penalty, and with the elements in their favour, the Nomads looked well set to take the match.

However, Dubai were not going down without a fight, and were making life extremely difficult for the Nomads.

Inevitably though, the Exiles were forced into conceding penalties.

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aliens, one of which rebounded from the goal post and from the ensuing maul Dubai transgressed again to give Adams a simple chance for the 9-6 lead. The Nomads went 12-6 up when Adams' penalty attempt hit first the post then the bar before being knocked forward by the Dubai defence. From the scrumming in front of the posts, Adams dropped a goal.

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Nomads' sponsors, presented the Cup to Nomads' captain to Steve Hill, who raised the trophy to the ecstatic cheers of the home support.

Now the attention turned to the 2nd XV hoping to emulate the premier side in their final against Bahrain. The visitors had brought a strong side, many with first team experience, but then the Nomads were similarly equipped. With the wind at their backs in the first half, it was important for Kuwait to get off to a good start. This they did, spending long periods in the Bahrain half, though the visitors' pack were winning crucial ball to relieve the pressure.

Kuwait continued to try and

move the ball wide and were unlucky not to extend their lead early in the second period, the last pass usually letting them down. However, as the game wore on, Bahrain were pinning the Nomads back in their own half with downfield kicks. One of these kicks found the Bahrain pack up in force to secure the ball and gave Len Guy the chance to drive over in the corner for a try.

In the final quarter of the match, Bahrain threw all they had at the Nomads line, but the Kuwait defence was resolute and kept the visitors at bay, for a wonderful Nomads' double celebration. The cheers as Peter Underwood presented the trophy to Peter Jones were no less loud than those for the 1st XV win and underlined the spirit and feeling throughout the club.

Retention

With the Nomads' International season now over, they anxiously wait to see if Dubai can defeat Muscat next week, a result that would ensure the retention of the Gulf Merit Title.

Meanwhile the attention switches to domestic matters, with two busy months of the season remaining. On Friday at Fintas Park, the Club hosts its 2nd Annual 10x3 km relay run, and on Sunday evening there will be a match between the "Leavers" and the "Stayers", kick off at 7.30 p.m.

Rewarded

The Nomads kept up the pressure and were trying to handle whenever possible. Their enterprise was rewarded when the ball flashed through several pairs of hands from good second phase possession, and Levitt dived in to score in the corner, for a ten point advantage at the interval.

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Spectators approach the body of a man killed during the race. (Reuter wirephoto)

16 killed at car race

NECOCHEA, Argentina, March 7, (AP): A race car blew a tire and plunged into a crowd of spectators yesterday, killing at least 16 persons and injuring more than a dozen others, police said.

Authorities said the car, a Dodge driven by Argentine driver Edgar Caparros, was participating in a tourism class race for modified stock cars outside this city, 375 miles south of Buenos Aires.

Section

Witnesses said Caparros, who was hospitalised, was going 125 mph when the tire blew and of the vehicle overturned, rolling into a crowd of onlookers, including families who had been picnicking beside the race course, a closed-off section of highway.

"It was terrible," said driver Luis Fernandez, who was following Caparros. "His car went off at the track like an arrow."

The race, the second of the season, was suspended following the accident. Tourism class racing is very popular in Argentina and the races attract large numbers of spectators.

Authorities said both Caparros and his co-pilot, Alberto Belotti, were under treatment in the intensive care unit of a private clinic.

3. Ann Cox & Johnette Chiles
Results of the Habura Centre Bridge Club game held on Saturday evening:

N/S
1. Makarjee & Chanduri
2. Nabil Akel & Lollo Muriwaiwa
3. Yassin Taha & Ghazi Boursally

E/W
1. Ali Imam & Mohammed Merchant
2. Pereira & Aabre D'Souza
3. Camille Sawabini & Honda Tamas
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Sheraton Bridge Club tournament will be held tomorrow instead of today.

Results of the Menilik Ladies Bridge Club game held on Saturday evening:

1. Nabil Akel & Lollo Muriwaiwa
2. Rita Camaccini & Dena Materna

3. Lyn Edwards & Dena Materna

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

N/S
1st Lynne Edwards & Pearl Leavay
2nd Nabil Akel & Lollo Muriwaiwa
3rd Camille Gergala & Jamila Akel and Margaret Maynard & Ann Cox

E/W
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Prince Charles' team triumphs

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, March 7, (UPI): Britain's Prince Charles patted a cheetah yesterday at a society luncheon to benefit African wildlife and helped his Windsor Park polo team to a 6-4 victory over the Palm Beach, Florida, team.

The prince scored only once during the game, making a goal during the second period to tie the score at 2-2. He successfully defended his team's goal several times.

Treatment

"He seemed to be there all the time," said Stuart Mackenzie, the prince's teammate and New Zealand's highest-ranked player. "He defended very well." Mackenzie said the prince did not get deferential treatment during the match because of his royal title.

"He acts like any other polo player," Mackenzie said. "You're all equal out there. That's why he enjoys it so much."

Gulf Bank Trophy

STARLITE meet Unity in the final of the Gulf Bank Trophy cricket tournament, organised by Unity Cricketers, at the New Ground in Alumadi on Friday. Umpires will be from Gulf Bank.

The game will start at 9.30 am and Mohammed Yousef Al Saif, general manager-Domestic Banking Group, will be the chief guest. The prize distribution will be held on the same day.

Bowling tourney

THE Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold an open bowling tournament on Friday, March 11, at the 300 Club. The tournament is open to all men and women and the fee is K.D. 3.

Trophies and medals will be awarded to all the winners. More details are available at the 300 Club.



Hadlee: not fit for one-day matches

England's Micky Stewart blamed the pitches rather than tactics for the lack of entertainment.

Both sides denied adopting no-risk tactics in the final Test.

"Our aim in this series was to win two-nil. It was disappointing not to have the conditions and the surface to play on," Alabaster said in a telephone interview.

Stewart said batting on Christ-

church and Auckland pitches was a matter of survival and stroke-making was impossible.

After the Auckland game, England captain Mike Gatting offered to dig up the Eden Park pitch. He criticised a pitch where fast bowler Graham Dilley could not bounce the new ball above the wickets.

Alabaster said poor weather had contributed to the under-

preparedness of the pitches.

Stewart said England's poor catching record and the injury to fast bowler Neil Foster cost them wins.

Failure in the catching department could be attributed to mental and physical tiredness, he said.

"Since October, with the exception of a three-week break, we have been playing cricket continuously for six months, and that followed a five-month season."

The ideal for England was a three-month tour followed by a three-month lay-off. The New Zealand tour followed the controversy-plagued Pakistan tour.

New Zealand is keen to stage a five-Test series next time England visits and it seems the England tour management will be recommending this.

"New Zealand should be a full tour as far as we're concerned," Stewart said.

The absence through unavailability or non-selection of such crowd pleasers as David Gower, Ian Botham and Alan Lamb took away some of the series' appeal for spectators.

But with both sides currently rebuilding, the big plus was the emergence of new players such as Martyn Moxon, Mark Greatbatch and Ken Rutherford.

Without Hadlee for New Zealand, the bowling of both sides looked distinctly ordinary and it might have been the inability of either side to bowl the opposition out twice, which was

the real reason for the lack of results.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand cricket selectors pulled two surprises today in naming their team for the first two one-day internationals against England.

Auckland opener Richard Reid, 29, has been included in the 12-man squad for the games at Dunedin on Wednesday and Christchurch next Saturday.

Also getting his first chance in the national side is Northern Districts all-rounder Chris Kuggeleijn, 31, who performed impressively for the Stell XI against England at New Plymouth early last month. Kuggeleijn is a right-arm off-spinner and right-hand batsman.

Gone from the third Test team are batsmen Trevor Franklin and Robert Vance, fast bowler Danny Morrison and recalled left arm spinner Stephen Boock.

Missed

Auckland medium pacer Willie Watson is the third player brought in for the one-dayers. Wellington batsman Andrew Jones, who has missed the second and third Tests with a wrist injury, has been called back into the side.

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The team is -- John Wright (captain), Richard Reid, Andrew Jones, Martin Crowe, Mark Greatbatch, Ken Rutherford, John Bracewell, Chris Kuggeleijn, Ian Smith, Martin Snedden, Willie Watson, Ewen Chatfield.

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